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Kowloon Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.05	9.35	10.00	10.10	10.15	10.20	10.25	10.30	10.35	10.40	10.45	10.50	10.55	11.00	11.05	11.10
Yauzaui Dep.	6.49	—	—	—	—	9.25	10.06	12.13	1.23	2.41	—	—	4.58	5.49	7.46	—	—	—	—
Rhata ...Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	—	9.58	10.20	12.50	1.34	2.53	—	—	4.50	6.00	7.58	—	—	—	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	—	9.53	10.33	12.43	1.48	3.08	—	—	5.04	6.13	8.09	—	—	—	—
Taipei	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Market Dep.	7.20	—	—	—	—	9.58	10.37	12.47	1.59	3.10	—	—	5.09	6.17	8.15	—	—	—	—
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	—	10.10	10.47	12.57	2.02	3.20	—	—	5.16	6.27	8.33	—	—	—	—
Sheng ...Dep.	7.35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheng ...Dep.	7.50	—	9.07	9.45	10.15	10.54	1.02	2.07	—	3.25	8.24	5.23	6.33	8.27	—	—	—	—	—
Shan-chun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.51	10.21	10.53	1.08	2.13	3.05	3.31	3.30	5.29	6.38	8.33	—	—	—	—	—
Canton ...Arr.	—	12.05	—	—	5.43	—	—	—	6.30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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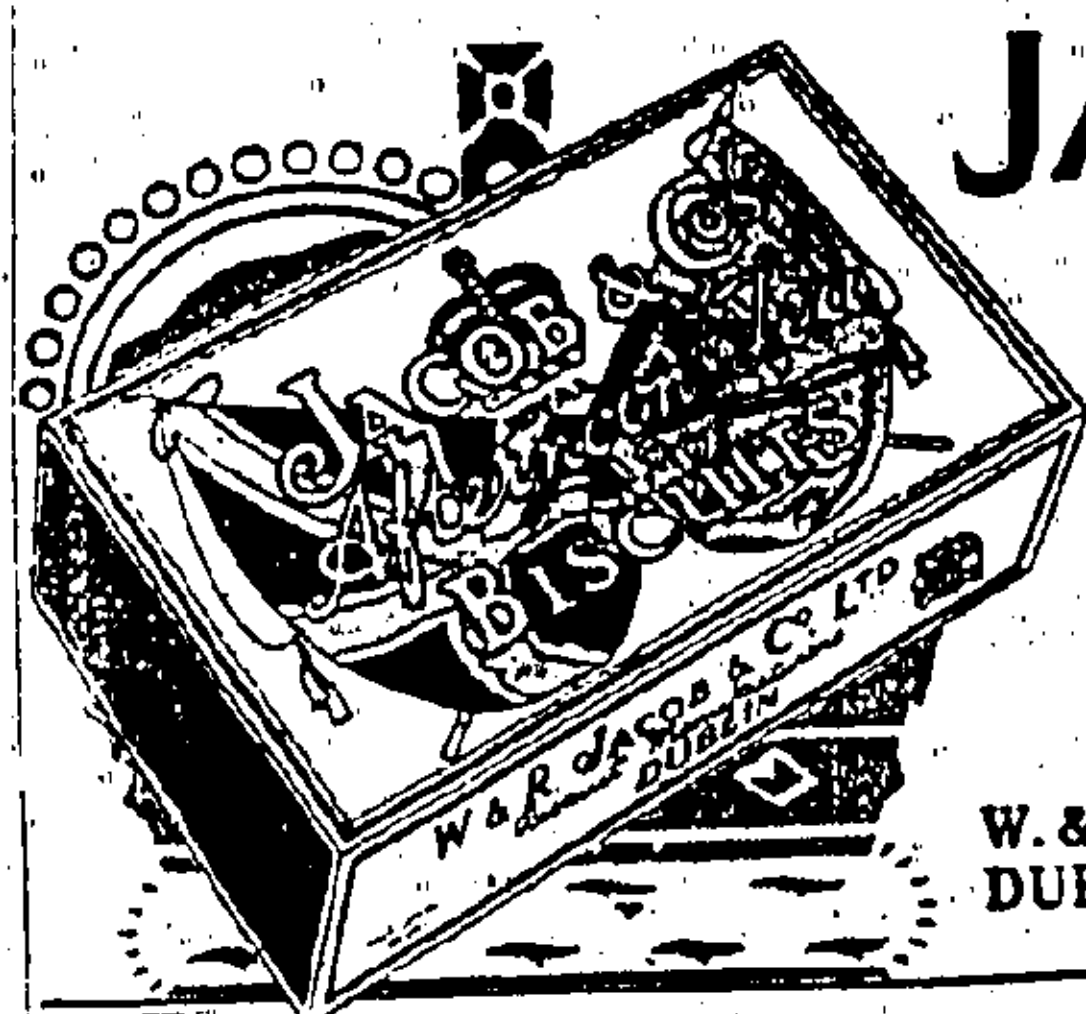
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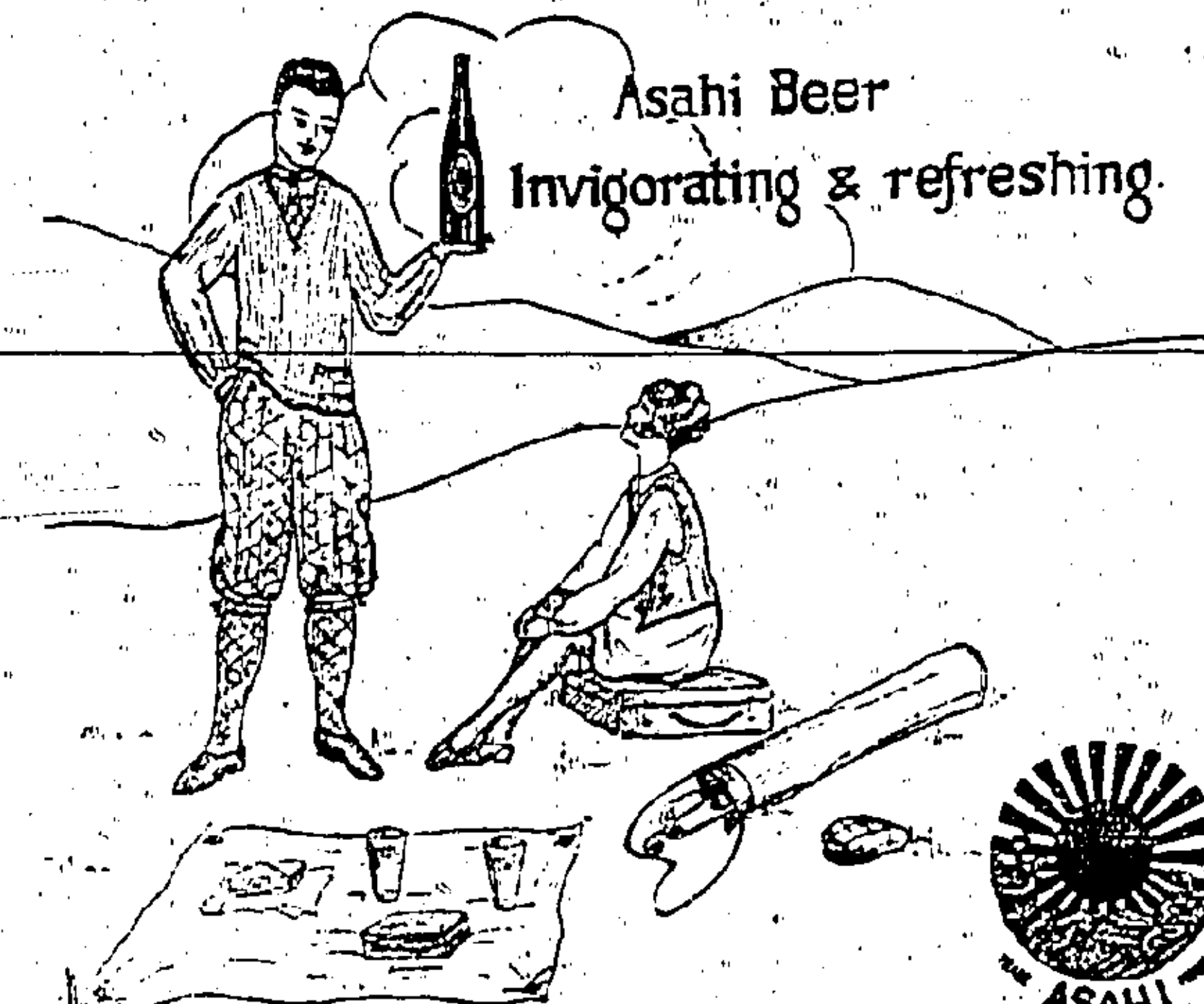
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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Business done in Hong Kong yesterday in rice, sugar and other foodstuffs, included the following transactions:

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Cash White Long Rice, 707 bags	\$9.88
Mui Lan Fan White Long Rice, 400 bags	5.08
Green Seal Pink Rice, 341 bags	5.51
Green Anchor New White Rice, 500 bags	5.29
Blue Seal White Brewer Rice, 300 bags	6.50
Green Peacock New White Rice, 741 bags	5.22
Red Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 70 bags	6.42
Red Seal No. 2 White Broken Rice, 35 bags	5.92
Green Seal No. 3 Old White Rice, 433 bags	6.36
Green Seal No. 3 New White Rice, 112 bags	6.31
Red Seal White Glutinous, Brewer Rice, 265 bags	6.36
Green Seal White Brewer Glutinous Rice, 65 bags	6.52
Blue Goose White Big Rice, 300 bags	8.02
Green Pearl White Brewer Rice, 300 bags	6.45
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 200 bags	87.33
Big coarse powdered sugar, 304 bags	7.45
Manila Green sugar, 300 bags	6.83
Miscellaneous.	
Sun Sing, Green Beans, 40 bags at \$3.40 per picul.	
Newchang Red Bean, 50 bags at \$3.50 per picul.	
Newchang Black Bean, 50 bags at \$3.40 per picul.	
Red Melon Seeds, 20 bags at \$27.00 per bag.	

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations in Canton yesterday for rice, sugar and flour were as follows:

follow :	Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mi White Long Rice.....		\$11.30
See Mai White Long Rice.....		10.65
Pak Kan Yuk White Rice.....		3.50
Wai Ho Glutinous Rice.....		10.15
Red Fook White Annam		6.60
Rice.....		
Red Lion White Long Rice.....		9.45
Red Peach White Rice.....		9.60
Three Mark White Long		
Rice.....		9.08
Green Double Sword White		
Rice.....		8.70
Red Bell White Long Rice.....		9.76
Red Star White Rice.....		9.90
Red Flower Pot White Rice.....		9.48
Green Flower Pot, White		
Rice.....		9.60
Green Seal No. 3 White Rice.....		9.48
Blue Seal No. 3 White Rice.....		9.23
Sugar.		Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered sugar.....		\$7.95
No. 3 coarse powdered sugar.....		7.45
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar.....		7.55
No. 1 Fine Granulated sugar.....		10.35
Granulated Sugar.....		9.25
Refine Sugar.....		8.45
Wai Chow White Sugar.....		8.45
Flour.		Per Bag.
Man-of-War.....		\$4.05
Silver Seal.....		4.15
Banana.....		4.10
Cheung Luk.....		4.15
Maize.....		3.93
Sword of Kwantai.....		4.23
Cannon.....		4.75
Cabbage.....		4.43
Dalton.....		4.50
Dog's Head.....		4.50

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

Conditions in yesterday's market were good; quotations ruled firm and there were plenty of buyers. Quotations in cotton yarn were as follows:

	Per bale.
No. 42 Five Sons	\$555.00
Foon Hi	515.00
Butterfly	524.00
No. 32 Pine Deer	458.00
Po Tap	460.00
Tin Koon	452.00
Double Horse	328.00
No. 20 City of Gold	321.00
Globe	319.00
Good Harvest	318.00
Double Horse	318.00
Tin Koon	322.00
Double Dragon	325.00
Tram Car	314.00
Shepherd	309.00
Three Stars	311.00
No. 16 Globe	305.00
Mau Clock	300.00
Fui Kwai	301.00
No. 18 City of Gold	298.00
Peacock	294.00
Fui Kwai	275.00
Tram Car	274.00
Acorn	265.00
Pretty Diamond	265.00
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	263.00
City of Gold	263.00
Peacock	263.00
Lotus	255.00
Lotus	212.00
Lotus	199.00

OVERSEA MARKET REPORTS.

DECEMBER 28th.

Sugar.

New York, Dec.	207 cents	-02
New York, Mar.	210 cents	-01
New York, May	217 cents	-
New York, Sept.	230 cents	-
New York, Cuban	21 cents	-132
Java, Spot	13 guilders	-
Java, Dec.	13 guilders	-
Java, Jan.	13 guilders	-
Java, Feb.	13 guilders	-
Java, Mar.	13 guilders	-
New York Raw Silk		
Crack Double Extra	\$5.20	-
Spot	\$5.20	-
Extra, Spot	\$5.09	-01
Dec.	\$5.09	-
Jan.	\$5.09	-
Feb.	\$5.09	-
Mar.	\$5.09	-01
Apr.	\$5.09	-01
May	\$5.09	-
June	\$5.09	-
July	\$5.09	-
London Rubber.		
Spot	83d.	-
Jan.-Mar.	83d.	-
New York Rubber.		
Spot	17 1/2d.	-
Jan.-Mar.	17 1/2d.	-
Egyptian Raw Cotton.		
Jan.	37.80 tallars	+30
Mar.	38.30 tallars	+40
Wall Street.		
Steel	15 1/2	-23
Anacosta	96 1/2	-33
Shares dealt in 3,000,000	2,000,000	-
New York Raw Cotton.		
Cent.		
Spot	20.00	-40
Jan.	19.75	-44
Highest	20.25	-
Lowest	19.75	-
Mar.	19.50	-44
May	19.75	-42
July	19.50	-40
Oct.	19.62	-40
Bombay Raw Cotton.		
Rupee.		
Branch, FG May	369	+4
Omra, F Dec-Jan.	330	+4
Omra, F Mar.	335	+4
Bengal, FG Dec-Jan.	238	+3
Bengal, FG Mar.	225	+4

DECEMBER 10th.

Osaka Rice.

Dec.	29.60	-18
Jan.	29.52	-21
Feb.	29.78	-24
Osaka Raw Cotton.		
Opening.		
Closing.		
Dec.	91.50	-2.30
Jan.	92.10	-1.85
Feb.	92.10	-1.65
Mar.	92.65	-1.80
Apr.	93.00	-1.75
May	93.65	-1.80
June	93.95	-1.85
Osaka Sugar.		
Opening.		
Closing.		
Dec.	12.15	-01
Jan.	11.21	-
Feb.	11.21	-
Mar.	11.21	-
Apr.	11.34	-02
May	11.34	-02
Yokohama Silk.		
Opening.		
Closing.		
Dec.	141.00	+1.70
Jan.	137.40	+1.20
Feb.	137.50	+1.20
Mar.	137.00	+1.20
Apr.	137.50	+1.20
May	137.50	+1.20
June	137.50	+1.20
Osaka Cotton Yarn.		
Opening.		
Closing.		
Dec.	242.60	-5.50
Jan.	238.10	-5.20
Feb.	231.00	-4.70
Mar.	233.00	-4.70
Apr.	232.50	-4.40
May	232.40	-4.70
June	232.50	-5.10

CANTON KEROSENE OIL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Per Case.
New Star	\$7.35
New Banquet	7.40
New Cheung Hi	7.25
New Eagle	7.20
New Hang Fook	7.30
New Daybreak	7.25

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Water Works	\$3.20
Electric Power Company	5.00
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.45
The Sun Company	6.40
Sincere Company	9.20
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co.	3.60
Canton Tramway Co.	1.80
China Merchant S.S. Navigation Company	6.40
Central Bank	4.60

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rugby, Dec. 17th.
Paris	124.15
New York	4.85 9/64
Brussels	34.80
Geneva	25.18
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	82.65
Berlin	20.35 1/2
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.15
Oslo	18.10
Vienna	34.44
Prague	182 1/2
Helsingfors	122 1/2
Madrid	28.53
Lisbon	111
Athens	375
Bucharest	80 1/2
Rio	5 26/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Sao Paulo	1 1/8 1/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1 1/10 13/16
Silver (spot)	50 3/16
Silver (forward)	50 3/16

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CHINESE CANNING INDUSTRY.

GROWING BUSINESS.

Shanghai claims twenty-one food-canning companies, the Tai Feng, Tai Kiang, and Kwan Sun Yuan being the three largest. Each factory turns out canned meats, fish, fowls, fruits, vegetables and biscuits, all being well-known on the market. The meat and poultry are obtained from the factories' own stock-breeding farms and the animals pass a medical examination before slaughter. The factories have also in their employ excellent chefs to cook the food. The machinery is partly imported from Germany and the United States and partly turned out by local ironworks.

Among the products of these three factories, fish and meat form the major portion, with a small balance of poultry and vegetables. Biscuits also count as an important part of the products of certain factories. The flour for making high-grade biscuits is imported from America, but that for common biscuits is produced at home. The sugar is of the imported refined kind and the soda is of British origin. Milk is obtained from the dairy farm of the Hsueh Chi Company at Kiangwan, near Shanghai, and if the supply of the Kiangwan farm is insufficient, imported canned milk is used instead. Tin sheets for making cans are chiefly imported from the United States.

The bulk of the canned goods is consumed at Shanghai and in the Yangtze Valley provinces. Little is exported to the Southern provinces like Kwangtung and Fokien, because of the existence of food-canning factories at Hong Kong, Canton, Macao, Swatow and Amoy. Shanghai factories dispose of their goods, partly by their sales departments and partly through agents in outports, the latter charging 15 per cent. commission on the sales proceeds. In recent years shipments have found their way to the United States.

The male hands at the factories are paid by the month with free board and lodging, at \$12-\$25 for a common hand, \$40-\$50 for junior cooks, and \$70-\$80 for the chefs and experts. Women are paid by the day at 40-50 cents each without food and lodging. The daily working period covers nine and a half hours from 7 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with an hour's rest for the mid-day meal. Sometimes night shifts work from 6 to 11.30 p.m. Those employed on the day shift may earn an extra day's pay by working on the night shift. The hands work on Sundays, but are free on festival days. The factories also employ a large number of women to make paste-board cases, paid by the day or at piece rate, the daily earnings of a woman varying from 50 cents to \$1 without food.

The total yearly output of the twenty-one factories in Shanghai is valued at over ten million dollars, biscuits forming the greatest portion and meat ranking second.

SAIGON RICE SOLD AS EMPIRE GOODS.

CLERK'S FAULTY GEOGRAPHY.

Messrs. White, Tomkins and Courage, Ltd., millers and merchants, of Mark-lane, E.C., were summoned at the London Mansion House on November 20th for applying a false trade description to rice. Mr. Eustace Fulton, prosecuting, said the Lumbeth Board of Guardians, desiring to further Empire trade, ordered Rangoon rice from Messrs. J. F. Percival Ltd., of Blackfriars-road, S.E. The rice was invoiced as Rangoon, but a clerk at Messrs. Percival's noticed that the customary marks were not on the bags. He communicated with Messrs. White, Tomkins and Courage, who supplied the rice. It was then discovered that it was Saigon and not Rangoon rice, and not British, but French.

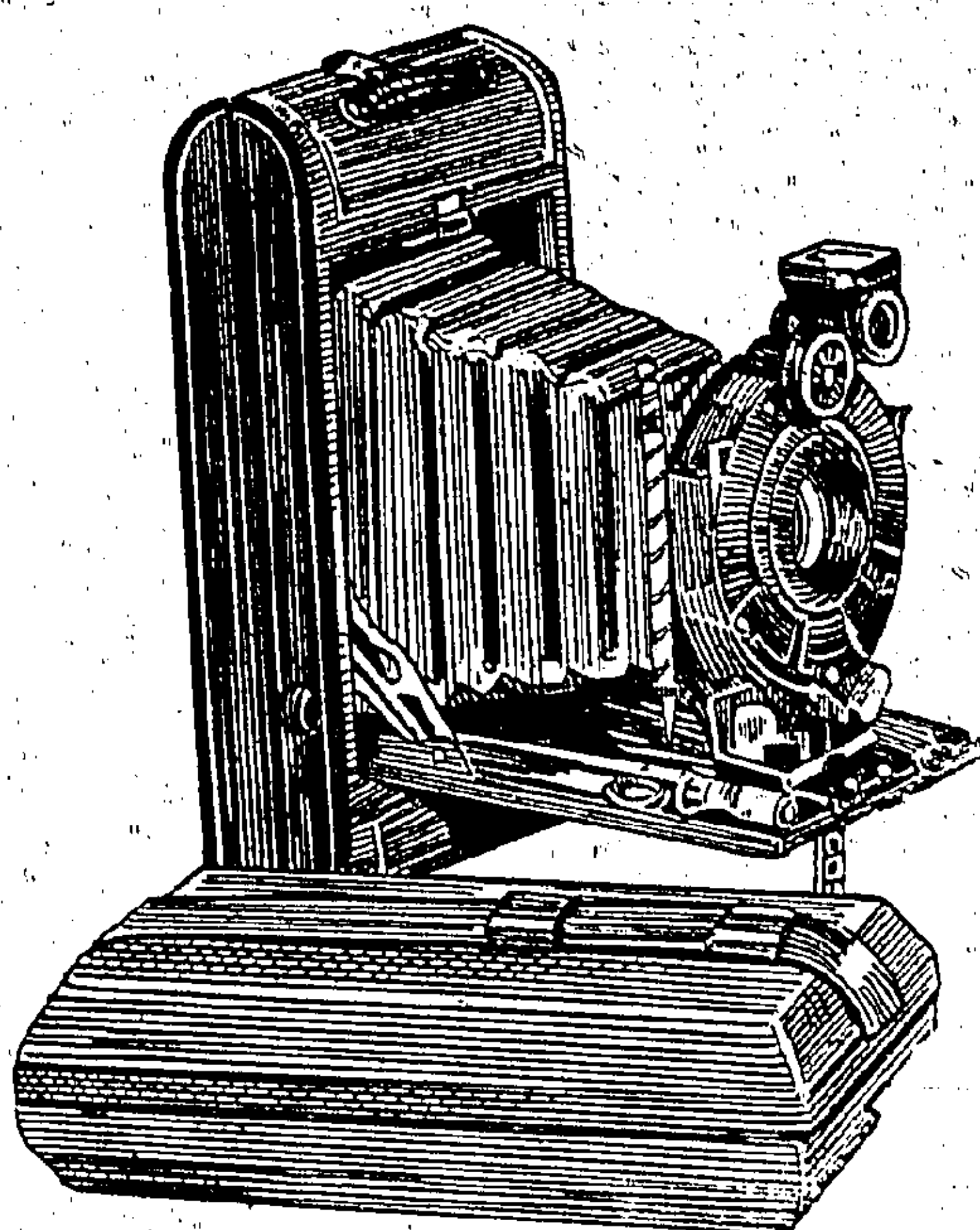
Mr. Walter Frampton, defending, said the company had spent thousands of pounds in fostering Empire trade. Saigon was a little strip of French territory in Indo-China. There was very little difference in the appearance of the two varieties of rice, and a clerk, whose geography was neither better nor worse than the average person's, was misled when purchasing in the market for the firm.

Sir Vansittart Bowater, M.P., the magistrate, said he was well aware of the high standing of the firm, but they were responsible for the acts of their servants. He fined them £20 and £10 10s. costs.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

B.K. Banks	\$1,300 buy, & sa.
Do., London	\$140 buy, & sa.
Chartered Bank	\$23 buy, & sa.
Merchants Bank, & S. 234 buy, & sa.	
Do., O.	\$214 buy, & sa.
P. & O. Bank	\$23 buy, & sa.
East Asia Bank	\$23 buy, & sa.
Canton Insurance	\$23 buy, & sa.
Union Insurance	\$23 buy, & sa.
North China Ins.	\$180 buy, & sa.
Yancho Insurance	\$180 buy, & sa.
China Underwriters	\$180 buy, & sa.
China Fire Insurance	\$180 buy, & sa.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$180 buy, & sa.
Douglas	\$180 buy, & sa.
H.K. Steamships	\$180 buy, & sa.
H.K. Tugs	\$180 buy, & sa.
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$180 buy, & sa.
Do. (Def.)	\$180 buy, & sa.
Shell Transport	\$180 buy, & sa.
Union Waterboats	\$180 buy, & sa.
Benguet	\$180 buy, & sa.



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[BY R. B. CUNNINGHAME GRAHAM.]

[Mr. Cunningham Graham, standing as a Scottish Nationalist—a party founded only a few months ago—ran Mr. Baldwin to a very close finish in the recent Glasgow University Electoral election.]

The Scottish National Party is the revolt of youth against the stagnation of Scottish affairs, and the neglect of Scottish business at Westminster.

It appears monstrous to us that Scottish affairs should only be attended to at odd moments and when nothing is more pressing in the British Parliament. Our first demand is for the restoration of our ancient Scottish Parliament, so manfully flung away from us, and at such an inconsiderable price.

The Parliament would have the supreme control of all purely Scottish affairs, and the disposal of all the taxation raised in Scotland.

This would give Scotland the status of a Dominion. Surely this is not asking very much, when we consider that Southern Ireland, Ulster, New Zealand, the Australian Colonies, and many of our other possessions, including South Africa, all have their own Parliaments and supreme command of their national affairs.

The neglect into which all Scottish affairs have fallen at Westminster has produced this movement amongst the youth of Scotland.

—Sleep, Not Shoots.

By neglect, I mean the failure to deal with unemployment, much greater in Scotland, in proportion to population, than it is in England. The scandal of our Housing Problem (the slums of Glasgow are a disgrace to our civilisation) is one of their complaints. The spectacle of four million acres of our native land a mere playground for rich Americans and home-made profiteers is not a subject for self-congratulation.

I am aware that much of those four million acres is not cultivable, but nearly all of it could carry sheep; moreover, in days gone by it carried men who helped to lay the foundations of our Empire in many quarters of the world. This, some may say, is but an affair of sentiment. Yes, but sentiment has always been the strongest factor in the world, and to ignore it is to land oneself in a slough of materialism.

Nationalism is in the air of Europe. Czechoslovakia, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Finland, Ireland, and half-a-dozen new nationalities have sprung into the world. Scotland is no new nationality, and for a thousand years or more managed her own affairs.

She does not do so now. Any peddling Canal or Road Bill, Gas, or Sewage measure (no, I forget our Scottish Secretary gives us the privilege of managing our own sewage) has to go to Westminster to be discussed by men ignorant of Scottish things. How often has one seen measures approved by a majority of Scottish members contemptuously voted down by Englishmen.

Our Ship Canal is held up, as it appears, indefinitely. The depopulation of the islands goes on ceaselessly. Our mining districts urgently want help.

No Anti-English Tariffs.

We do not propose to set up tariffs against England; and still less to abrogate our national strong common-sense. Why should our business men lose jobs in England if we had Home Rule at home? They are employed, not as Scotsmen, but on account of their ability. Businesses are not run for philanthropy, and the best man always secures the best job and the highest rate of pay.

Speaking of the other day, the Duchess of Atholl, a Minister of the Crown, was anxious that, under Scot Home Rule, the grants in aid would be withdrawn. Surely her Grace should know the money for those grants in aid was partly raised in Scotland, and that the Central Government merely returns that which it has received. But if they were withdrawn what would it matter? The success of the Irish Loan shows the stability that results from national self-Government. Our credit stands far higher than that of Ireland if we were forced to raise a loan.

As to the insinuation that our generous Scottish youth is well-nigh, unknown to itself, by Revolutionists, the idea is too ridiculous for words.

The parallel between the Scottish National Party and Sinn Féin does not hold good. Moreover, who can deny that Ireland, ruled by itself and pacified as it is to-day, is less a danger to the British Empire than it was, a seething mass of discontent, under the British rule?

Scottish Home Rule is far too big a question for any single party to solve alone.

Conservatives, Liberals, and Labour are, but three parties after all, struggling for office and the disposal of the national wealth.

The question can be solved alone by an uprising of a National Conscience and the joint efforts of all Scots.—London Morning Post.

FASCIST NEW YEAR.

SURRENDERED BONDS BURNT.

NEW ROAD TO THE SEA.

Rome.

"Deeds not words" is the slogan which has been adopted for the sixth anniversary of the March on Rome in 1922, and it was accordingly with a minimum of speech-making that the celebrations of yesterday and to-day have been carried through.

The most important and the most picturesque of these was the cancellation and destruction of State bonds to the value of 140,000,000 lire (21,321,000). Signor Mussolini first of all signed his name in the "Book of National Gratitude," containing the names of all those persons and bodies who have surrendered bonds. Then, accompanied by many of the Ministers, and other prominent dignitaries, he went to the Altar of the Fatherland, where two small altars taken from the baths of Diocletian have been erected. On his arrival the altar fires were kindled, and the Duce made a burnt offering of two certificates, symbolizing the value of the surrendered bonds, and afterwards watched the actual destruction of the cancelled bonds, which were flung in sacksful into the furnaces of the gas works.

A special number of the party Order-Sheet was issued this morning with a message to the Blackshirts. In this message, which strikes the keynote to the celebrations and is being read out publicly throughout Italy, Signor Mussolini says that "2,802 public works will be formally opened in order to celebrate with deeds, and in silence, the great undertaking which, in October, 1922, freed the Italian Republic and created a regime new in Italy and in the world. There are 350 road works, 337 scholastic buildings, 399 hydraulic works, 65 works of land reclamation, 63 maritime works, 79 works of health, 371 public buildings, and 850 various works of minor importance."

Three Achievements.

These dry figures, which presumably refer to activities extending over several years and only now brought to completion will, says the Duce, silence hostile criticism at home and abroad. Continuing, Signor Mussolini refers specially to three achievements of capital importance—the monetary reform, the law of the Grand Council, and the "integral" plan of land improvement—each of them specially illustrated by a V.L. of the Fascist régime.

The Duce's message concludes by stating:—Fascism faces the opening of the year VII. with exultation in the victory. It will see important events and gigantic works. The régime will continually enlarge its bases so as to include under the Lictorial emblem the Italian people, massed together in the conscious discipline of its political and syndicalist formation. The Italy which we desire—hard-working, silent, and tenacious—is now rising up. Let us salute her, raising our banners and rifles with one single shout, that shout which made, and will make, our enemies, of all colours and of all parties, tremble.

A riot among the many buildings and public works formally opened to-day may be mentioned the new quarters of the Ministry of Marine, which overlook the Tiber, near the unfinished Lictorial Bridge and those of the Ministry of Education, built in the Viale del Re. Special interest attaches to the new motor road also opened to-day connecting Rome and Ostia and called "the Road to the Sea," which has been made as far as possible in a straight line, and will, when the full scheme has been completed, be supplemented by two tracks for the use of slower vehicles. The road will be illuminated by special lamps which will eliminate dazzling by headlights. A medal has been struck by the Governor of Rome in commemoration of the event.

CINEMA NEWS.

"FAZIL" TO-DAY AT QUEEN'S.

A picture which had a sensational run when shown in London and New York and which broke all records at the Capital Theatre, Shanghai, is to be screened at the Queen's from to-day to Saturday.

The picture is "Fazil," a screen version of Pierre Frondaie's French play "L'Insomnie." Fazil, Prince of Araby, goes to Paris on a diplomatic mission and there meets Fabienne, a French beauty with whom he falls in love. He marries her and takes her back to the desert, where, since the Parisienne refuses to bow to the desert laws frequent clashes occur. Charles Farrell who will be remembered for his acting of "Chico" in "Seventh Heaven" plays the prince, while the part of "Fabienne" is taken by Greta Nissen. Scenes of Venice, Paris, and the harem of a desert palace, serve as the background for the story, which moves swiftly to a surprising climax.

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5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records).

"League of Nations"—Fox Trot

"Nocturne"—Fox Trot

"McElroy's Spanish Ball Room Band."

"Just a Little Bit O' Driftwood"—Fox Trot

"Out-O'-Town Gal"—Fox Trot

Paul Whiteman.

"When Erastus Plays His Old Kazoo"—Fox Trot

"My Little Home"—Fox Trot

Garden Dancing Palace Orch.

"Last Night I Dreamed You Kissed Me"—Fox Trot

"Evening Star"—Fox Trot

Paul Whiteman.

"Felix The Cat"—Fox Trot

"Mother Goose Parade"—Fox Trot

Paul Whiteman.

"Siegfried"—Grand Fantasy

Garde Republicaine Band.

"Chorale Prelude on the Old 104th Psalm"

Organ Solo by Dr. A. W. Wilson.

"When the Crimson Sun Had Set"

Manchester Cathedral Choir.

"Christmas Memories"

A Dream Phantasy

Herman Finck and his Orch.

"Our Child"—Charles E. Moran.

"Elder Eatmore's Sermon on Throwing Stones"

Charles E. Moran.

"Lucia Di Lammermoor"

(a) Spargo An Amaro Pianto

(b) Alfin Son Taa

Maria Gentile

"Rondo in E Flat Major"

"Viennese Dance No. 1"

Piano Solo by Ignaz Friedman.

"Sicilienne"

"Slumber Song"

Cello Solo by W. H. Squire.

"Casse Noisette Suite"

B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"Christmas Melodies"

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Paul Whiteman.

"Rosamunde"—Overture

Halle Orchestra.

"Le Coq d'Or"

(a) Russian Dance

(b) Bridal procession

B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

"Hungarian Rhapsody No. 8"

Piano Solo by Ethel Leginska.

"The Merry Widow"

"The Chocolate Soldier"

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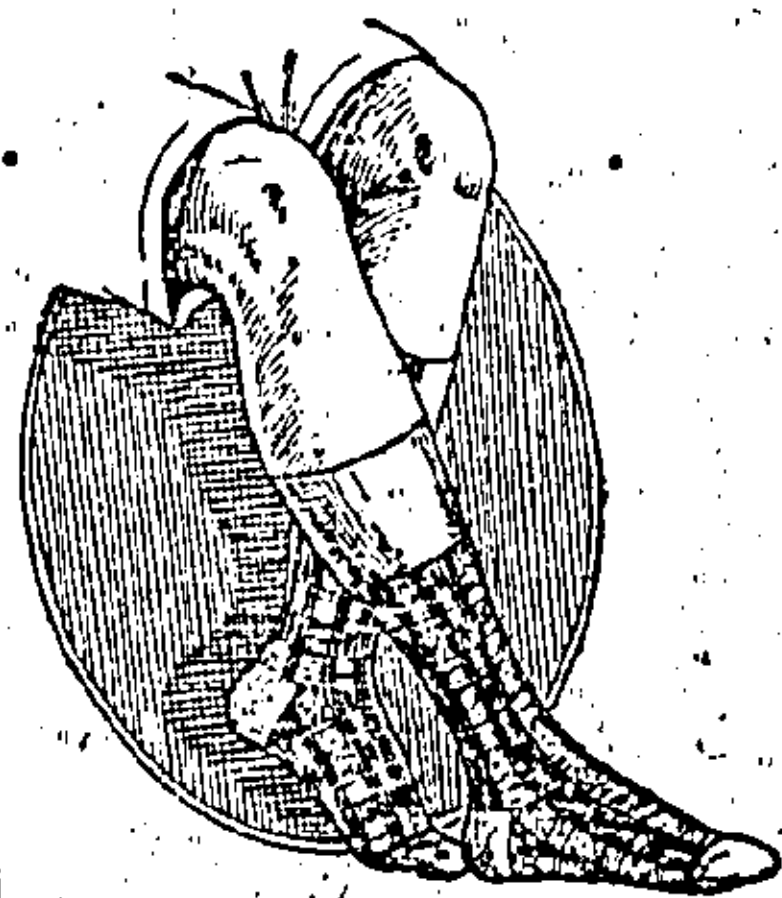
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PRETTY CATHEDRAL WEDDING.

RECEPTION AT VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS.

MISS BIRD WEDS LIEUT. BEARD, R.N.

One of the prettiest weddings which has been celebrated of late in Hong Kong was that yesterday of Miss Margaret Elise Bird (Peggy) and Lieut. Kenneth Wales Beard, R.N. The bride is the daughter of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. L. G. Bird. Colonel Bird being the O.C. of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, the reception was held at Volunteer Headquarters which was decorated for the occasion, tables for tea being laid out on the Parade ground.

The bridegroom is stationed at Kai Tak and attached to H.M.S. Tamar.

The wedding day was also the birthday of the bride.

Cathedral Decorations.

The wedding was celebrated in St. John's Cathedral by the Dean (the Very Rev. Alfred Swann). The building was decorated with chrysanthemums and greenery, a special form of choral service had been prepared and the Cathedral was filled with friends and brother officers. Lieut. C. G. Trenchem, R.N., was "best man."

The Bride's Medieval Style Frock.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very lovely in a medieval style frock of ivory chiffon velvet, to which was attached a long train of the same material lined and bordered with gold lamé. Her tulle veil, which was worn well off the forehead, was secured by a Grecian bandeau of narrow silver ribbon and bunches of orange blossom arranged over the ears. She carried a bouquet of cream chrysanthemums and orange blossoms.

She was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses Reta Hazeland, Dorothea Bewley, Eileen Stubbings, and Eileen de Bierre, who wore picture frocks of bright apple green taffetas and net. On their heads were close fitting caps of gold lamé and they wore green shoes to match their dresses. They carried bouquets of gold chrysanthemums.

The bride's mother, Mrs. L. G. Bird, wore a dress of cerise georgette under a black coat and a hat of black and gold sequins, she carried a bouquet of Michaelmas daisies tied with mauve and gold ribbons.

The newly married couple passed out of the Cathedral under an arch of swords held by brother officers of the bridegroom, and their car was drawn to Volunteer Headquarters by a detachment of men from H.M.S. Tamar and members of the Air Force at Kai Tak.

Among the guests who were present both in the Cathedral and at the reception were H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) and Mrs. Southern, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, Dean Swann, Mrs. Luard and Miss Luard, and Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung.

The Reception.

The reception at Volunteer Headquarters was distinguished by the exceedingly happy and friendly atmosphere that prevailed. Both the bride and groom are well-known and very popular in the Colony and they moved about chatting with all their guests.

The presents were laid out in a smaller room adjoining the main hall and made a very attractive display. Among others noticed were a tray inlaid with a piece of oriental embroidery given by His Excellency and Mrs. Southern; a silver salver engraved with the signatures of the Officers of the R.A.F. Base; a silver coffee and tea set from the Officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and a set of Chinese coffee cups from the Officers of H.M.S. Serapis together with many other gifts from personal friends of both bride and groom.

MALAY VOLUNTEER FUNDS.

FORMER O.C. SENT FOR TRIAL.

The enquiry into the case of Captain J. H. V. Clarke, late Officer Commanding Malay Volunteer Infantry, Negri Sembilan, was continued at Seremban Police Court on December 17th before Mr. O. E. Venables, the Seremban Magistrate. Mr. L. B. Gibson, D.P.P., conducted the enquiry and Mr. E. Jeff, counsel for the accused, was present in Court.

Mr. E. A. Reutens, State Treasurer, Negri Sembilan gave particulars of supplements to the M.V.I. votes for 1926, 1927 and 1928 up to August 29th. Accused had to send in a monthly statement of accounts re the balance of the M.V.I.

accounts in the Chartered Bank, Seremban, to the State Treasurer. Witness produced three bundles of statements for 1926, 1927 and 1928. Mr. W. G. Pullen, Sub-Accountant Chartered Bank, Seremban, gave an account of accused's transactions with the Bank in connection with the M.V.I. Negri Sembilan. He produced 44 original cheques signed by Captain Clarke in paying out. Accused also had a personal account in the same bank for at least three years. After further evidence had been taken His Worship then charged the accused in the usual manner with criminal breach of trust as a servant entrusted with the votes of the M.V.I. Negri Sembilan, the amount involved amounting to \$1,800, and committed him to stand his trial at the next Negri Sembilan Assizes. Accused reserved his evidence and was allowed bail in \$2,000.

COMPANIONATE MARRIAGES.

POPULAR IN PEKING.

PEKING, December 1st.

"Companionate marriages," which made their first appearance in North China about two years ago, have leaped into sudden popularity during the past few weeks. As several young couples of considerable prominence have adopted this method for living together. The idea is entirely new in China, and obviously has been imported from the west.

The decline of the old Chinese marriage system, which has been gradual for many years past, is now making its final plunge with a fierce rush. Go-betweens are almost out of business, and even "marriages for love," which were considered radical a year or two ago, are too conservative for the more ardent young people.

In Western countries, where marriages have been more or less informal matters for generations, the tremendous changes in China during recent months, even weeks, cannot be appreciated. It has not been customary in China for young people to decide whom they shall marry for themselves. This matter was arranged entirely by their parents, and this has been for poor people, ordinary workmen, as well as the children of prominent families.

The professional go-between has been a feature of Chinese social life, this being a man or woman who devoted much time to making marriages, searching out husbands for girls and wives for boys, usually in return for a considerable fee. In the larger cities, this institution is disappearing very rapidly.

But the very slow changes in the marriage system which preceded the rise of the Kuomintang have been replaced by a dizzy revolution. Old Chinese marriage system of old is not only being altered, but it is being shelved. In its place is appearing, not the conservative marriage system of the West, but the younger generation in America and Europe.

This correspondent talked recently with a young Chinese woman, perhaps thirty years of age. "I am an old fossil in China of today," she admitted. "I have heard that 'flappers' in America often shock the older women. But our Chinese 'flappers' shock women of twenty-five!"

The system of marriage which is becoming most popular, apparently, is that of a simple announcement in the newspapers. This announcement, signed by the young man and woman, is considered sufficient. It merely states that these two people love each other and therefore have decided to be married. There is no ceremony, no gifts, no consultation of relatives, no licenses. The newspaper announcement is sufficient.

Until very recently, marriages were one of the chief expenses of Chinese social life. Even poor families spent what they considered fortunes. The Kuomintang has urged repeatedly that marriage and funeral expenses be reduced. This advice has been accepted so wholeheartedly by the more advanced young people that their marriages cost almost nothing.

In the rural districts, however, this ferment is working slowly. Students carry the new ideas back from Peking and other university centres, but the older people are horrified. These conservatives still insist upon arranging their children's marriages. —United Press.

THE PERIL OF WAR.

ALLOYD GEORGE'S WARNING.

LONDON, Dec. 8th.

Alarm calls for shadowing early war in Europe were sounded today by leaders in England and Italy. Opening the Liberal Party's campaign with a speech in Manchester, the former Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, declared that chaotic international relations were leading the world toward being again.

"This is not explained anybody wants 'war,' but because nobody has the courage to stop the runaway horse of the war chariot."

Lloyd George said that in 1922, England was able to discuss matters with the United States. Now it cannot. The world must face the reality of the question unless the nations accept soon and wholeheartedly and in good faith, peaceable means of settling disputes. "God alone can save us from calamity; more trouble than has ever been seen."

Almost at the same time, Premier Mussolini in Rome was telling the Italian Legislature: "The whole world is arming. The number of cannons and bayonets is increasing. It is advisable that we harbour no illusion about the general political situation in Europe."

Mussolini was addressing the final session of the Chamber. As he continued with his speech, he said: "We do not want to perturb European equilibrium but we must be watchful." Many Deputies laughed when Mussolini satirically referred to the sublimity of the Kellogg Anti-War Treaty.

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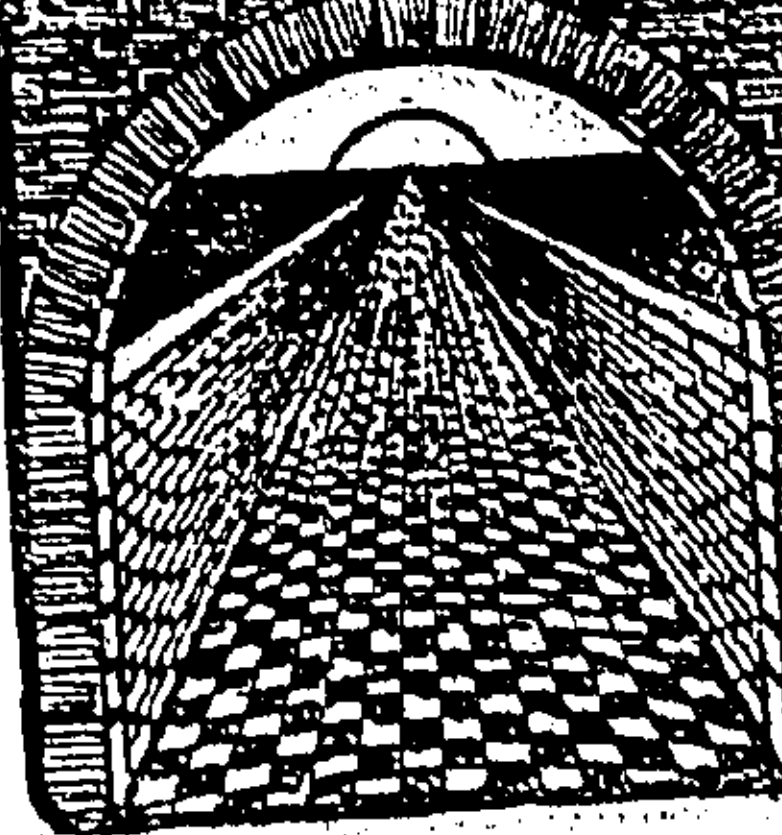
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THE PROHIBITION ISSUE.

DEBATES IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5th.

James M. Doran, Commissioner of Prohibition at the head of the Prohibition Enforcement Bureau, appeared today before the House Appropriation Committee in support of his request for \$13,400,000 to be utilized in prohibition enforcement activities.

When asked whether the requested amount would not "merely scratch the surface," Commissioner Doran responded: "If Congress wants to embark on a police business it will require \$300,000,000 and a system of United States courts covering the land to enforce prohibition." Doran declared that otherwise, prohibition enforcement must continue as at present.

Big Still Discovered.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 8th. U.S. Customs officers on December 5th raided an immense still located at Poco Santos Bay, on Texada Island. The still was housed in a large two-story brick building, and it was declared by the officials to be large enough to furnish the entire Pacific coast with an ample supply of "genuine Scotch" whisky. The chief of the Customs Service declared, after the inspection of the find, that the still cost "a huge amount of money."

Wives As Decoys.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6th. The first prohibition fight of the present session of Congress started in the house of Representatives this afternoon when Representative Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Democrat of New York, attacked the Treasury Department's Bill because it provided only thirteen million dollars for enforcement.

Proceeding in sarcastic vein, the fiery Congressman from New York declared the federal prohibition agents have been using their wives as decoys in attempting to obtain arrests and convictions.

There is only one man lower in the human scale than such a creature, declared LaGuardia, namely, "the man who directs him to use such tactics." Representative Ralph H. Lozier, Democrat of Missouri, declared that in his opinion the federal Government made no effort at enforcement. In the 19th district, he said, all arrests were made by state officers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7th. Another debate on the prohibition question was started in the House of Representatives today by Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York.

LaGuardia made this move in connection with the Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Bill. He advanced a motion that prohibition enforcement moneys be allocated among the States in accordance with their respective populations. This caused a general debate, some of the congressmen favouring LaGuardia's idea, and some attacking the Volstead Law and present enforcement conditions.

PENANG LIGHTERMEN.

HARBOUR BOARD PAY OFF STRIKERS.

PENANG, Dec. 10th.

Considerable inconvenience has been caused to the Penang Harbour Board as a result of the recent strike of lightermen. The lightermen, who received \$21 per month, wanted an increment of \$9 on the ground that they worked both day and night. The Board refused this as the men were getting an extra 20 cents out of each fare on a strike. This disagreement led to the strike whereupon the Board decided to pay them off. The men were requested to collect all their belongings from sampans yesterday.

Other labour is now being employed by the Board, who are paying at the rate of \$1.50 per day. The work although not entirely suspended, has been greatly hindered and it is expected that it will be some time before the normal service is resumed. This is not the first time the men have gone on strike; they have had two or three increases during the past two years. —Straits Times.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. E. D. C. WOLFE, C.M.G., CAPTAIN SUPER-INTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Police Training School.

A class for Police Reservists will be held as usual on Tuesday, December 18th, at 6 p.m.

On the same day at 5.30 p.m. sharp, instruction will be given in the handling and aiming of revolvers.

Squad Drill, etc.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central for Squad Drill, etc., on Thursday, December 20th, at 5.30 p.m. under Sergt. P. Condon. Dress: Multi.

Chinese Company.

SIGNALLING.

The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and Semaphore under Mr. R. G. Wilson on Thursday, December 20th, and Friday, December 21st, at 6 p.m.

"FIRST AID TO THE INJURED."

A class for instruction in First Aid is being organised to be held at the Company's Headquarters every Wednesday at 5.30 p.m., commencing January 9th next. The lecturer will be Dr. T. P. Woo, M.B., Ch.B., Edin. Divisional Surgeon of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade (through the kind courtesy of Mr. A. Morris, Assistant Commissioner of the St. John's Ambulance Association). Any member of the Chinese Company who desires to join this class with a view to qualifying should hand his name to the Company Commander as soon as possible.

Indian Company.

PARADE.

All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, December 18th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Flying Squad.

Constable R319 Ng Chi Lu has been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad as from December 14th.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, December 18th. Fall in at the Tsimtsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform.

The final instructional patrol of the month of Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, December 20th, and all members are requested to take part in this final patrol of the year. Fall in at Central at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Winter uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

JOINT RUN WITH THE FLYING SQUAD. All members of the Company who possess cars or motor cycles on the Hong Kong side will assemble in the courtyard of the New Fire Station Building on Thursday, December 20th, at 5 p.m. sharp with their machines. Uniform will be worn.

Parades And Classes.

All parades and instructional classes are suspended from December 21st until after the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (I.).

Hong Kong, December 18th, 1928.

FACTORY EXPLOSION.

WOMAN WORKER KILLED AT SHAUKIWAN.

Damage estimated at about \$500 was done in an explosion in a small vulcanizing plant in the Fung Keung rubber shoe factory at Shaui-kiwan East on Monday night. The cover of a small vulcanizer was blown out and a section of the factory walls and roof collapsed. A woman worker was crushed to death by the falling masonry. Another woman and a man received slight injuries.

Work at the factory has been suspended since the accident, but will be resumed to-morrow.

HARMONY IN CANTON.

CHEN MING SHU BANQUETS LI TSAI HSIN.

EACH PRAISES THE OTHER.

OFFICIALS A BAND OF BROTHERS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 18th.

General Chen Ming Shu, Chairman-elect of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, will take the oath of office this (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock in Government House. The General had planned to assume his new post on the 22nd of this month but at the request of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, the induction ceremony was put forward.

The Chairman-elect gave a banquet to his colleagues of the Provincial Administration a few evenings ago at his home in Tungshan. The following were among the guests:— Marshal Li Tsai Hsin; Mr. Fung Cho Man, Commissioner of Finance; Mr. Ma Chiu Tsun, Commissioner of Reconstruction; Mr. Wong Tsit, Commissioner of Education; Mr. Li Lu Chiu, Chief of the Whampoa Development Scheme; Dr. Chao Hsin Chu, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Law Man Chuan, Chief of the Judiciary Department; and Messrs. Hsu Chung-chin, Wu Koon Kiu, Sun Hai Man, and Chung Tai.

WHY GENERAL CHEN TOOK OVER.

During the evening General Chen made a speech, in the course of which he said:—

"The public has of late been putting forward many conjectures as to my policy after my assumption of office and several misapprehensions have sprung from misinterpretation of the real situation. As a matter of fact we have been extraordinarily harmonious and united, all working for the general welfare of the Province under the able direction and guidance of Marshal Li. We are not only united in aims and purposes, but also in thought and policy."

"At first I did not want to become Chairman of the Provincial Government, fully realizing the heavy duties and responsibilities of the position. I finally accepted the post at the urgent request of Marshal Li. Moreover, the Central Government had already made public my appointment in its mandate. I therefore had no choice but to accept."

"I have no doubt but that the best policy for us to follow is to continue the policy so well laid down by Marshal Li. My acceptance of the Chairmanship is only to relieve some of the duties from the shoulders of the Marshal. I shall only be helping him, for he is the recognized leader."

"The Provincial Government is the central organ from which orders are issued and carried out. It is therefore of primary importance to have a fixed policy. The finances of the Province which had been greatly upset by the Communist holocaust of December last have now been put on a firm basis. This is also true of the civil affairs of the Province. These are most encouraging signs which speak well for the benign government of Marshal Li. What we should all do now is to work harmoniously together for the general welfare and tranquility of the Province."

THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION.

Among the many problems needing immediate attention is that of general education. The educational budget must be increased. Only by the promotion of education can we produce good citizens, which means a happier state. But in order to realize this educational work must be centralized, and the plans and projects for the development of education must be constructive. Universities and colleges should be specialized as far as their curricula are concerned. Each institution can then develop according to its speciality.

"But very few of the institutions of learning of the Province are well enough equipped for such an aim. Some are in a dilapidated condition but I have talked these matters over with Mr. Wong Tsit, the Commissioner of Education, who is of the same opinion as I am, and we hope to improve matters."

(Continued on next column.)

IMPERSONATING THE POLICE.

SAMPAN WOMAN VICTIMISED.

FIVE YEARS' SENTENCES.

How three Chinese robbed a sampan woman in the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter on the pretext that they were police officers searching for contraband was told to the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, yesterday afternoon at the Supreme Court.

Of the three men, two were arrested after a long swim. They were yesterday arraigned for robbery. Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Crown Attorney, prosecuted.

Outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Fitzroy said that the victimised woman was in her sampan on the night of October 28th. At about 9 p.m. a dinghy approached her craft. Two men boarded the sampan and said that they had come to search the boat. The woman allowed them to do so. After searching the boat and finding nothing, they ordered the woman to get into their dinghy. She did so, and the three men then searched her person. They found a purse containing a gold ring and \$140 in cash. One of the prisoners then transferred the purse to the third man, who ran on shore by climbing from vessel to vessel.

The woman raised a hue and cry, and her husband, who was watching the proceedings from an adjacent boat, jumped into the dinghy and struggled with one of the prisoners. Meanwhile the other man jumped into the water. The husband was forced to release the man he was struggling with, and that man also jumped into the water. The husband was then joined by another boatman, and they rowed the dinghy in pursuit. Both men were caught after a swim, trussed up and taken to the Police Station.

Corroborative evidence was then given by the victim and her husband and also other boatmen who went to their rescue.

Both prisoners denied that they were involved in the robbery. One of them said that there was a crowd and he was accidentally pushed into the water. The other said that he knew nothing of the affair at all.

The jury having found them "Guilty," his Lordship sentenced the men to five years' hard labour each and said that as no one was seriously injured, he would not inflict corporal punishment.

"As regards the whole matter of reforms for the Province, I may say that so many things are in need of reconstruction that it is difficult even to enumerate them. But on account of the lack of funds, these big problems cannot be tackled as quickly as we might desire. They will, however, gradually be solved when funds are available. The most pressing problems will be taken up first. As much money as possible will be given towards the reconstruction of the Province, so that in due course Kwangtung may be the model province of China."

"Kwangtung has for years been in the throes of revolution and civil strife. The people have suffered terribly but fortunately peace and order have again been established and people are to-day enjoying the fruits of comparative peace and tranquillity. Let us all be unselfish and work together for the maintenance of this peaceful state of affairs."

MARSHAL LI'S REPLY.

After General Chen had finished his speech, Marshal Li paid a very warm tribute to the General. He had indeed hit the mark in his statement that the provincial officials are in harmony and united, despite reports to the contrary.

Marshal Li's speech was as follows:—

"I have been so laden with military and civil duties and responsibilities that I cannot continue as Chairman of the Provincial Government. In addition to my work here I have important duties at Nanking, and I have to go there now and again to make sure that everything is proceeding smoothly. Because of this, I have pressed General Chen to become the chairman of the Provincial Government, realising that some one of integrity was needed for the chair."

"My recommendation of the General to the Chairmanship sprang from my heart and there is no camouflage about it. I left Canton for the North twice, spending 5 or 6 months there. I am glad that you have carried on the Government successfully during my absence. I am glad also to see the Central Bank of China notes re-

AN IMPUDENT ROBBER.

ESCAPED FLOGGING ON MEDICAL GROUNDS.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S STERN WARNING.

"You have participated in an impudent robbery. I cannot prevent people taking part in robberies, but when they are convicted I can make them realise that it is a very serious offence. As I have said on many occasions, when a robbed man is injured, I shall always inflict flogging on his assailants," said the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, yesterday at the Supreme Court to a Chinese who was found guilty of having taken part in a highway robbery.

The prisoner, Tse Lam Fuk, was charged with having assaulted and robbed Ng Shau Hon at 1.15 a.m. on November 18th. Prisoner was at the time with three other men who were not in custody. The victim was returning home in a ricksha, and when near the Railway bridge in Prince Edward Road, the four robbers upset the ricksha from behind.

Ng was then pitched out into the road, and three men seized hold of him and dragged him to a lamp post. Ng put up a struggle but was soon overpowered. The robbers then searched him and after helping themselves to a pipe, a pocket handkerchief, a wrist-watch and \$38 in cash, they ran away. While this was happening the ricksha coolie had bolted. Two of the robbers were armed with daggers.

Complainant on returning home found that he had been stabbed in the left buttock, and had also received a slight wound on his back. A report was made to the Police Station, and next morning prisoner was arrested by a Chinese constable. The constable's suspicions were aroused when he found the prisoner smoking a high class briar pipe. He then searched the man and in his pocket was the stolen silk handkerchief.

An identification parade was held, and complainant picked out the prisoner from a row of nine men. Giving evidence of the identification parade held, Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, Assistant Superintendent of police, said that complainant had only pointed out the prisoner.

His Lordship at once commented on this procedure. The rules were clear and to identify anybody a witness had to touch the person he picked out. Mr. Calthrop was told to be more careful about this point in future.

When asked if he had any question to put to Mr. Calthrop, prisoner said that the complainant could see him while he was changing his clothes for the parade. He was marched to the row of men by an Inspector and a Chinese detective in the presence of the complainant. After evidence had been given, his Lordship summed up the case briefly. The jury returned a verdict of "Guilty" after a short retirement.

Prisoner was sentenced to five years' hard labour and ordered to receive twenty strokes of the "cat." This was later remitted on medical grounds.

KWANGSI RELIEF COMMITTEE.

ORDERING RICE FROM HONG KONG.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

WUCHOW, Dec. 18th.

The shortage of rice in Kwangsi Province and the big fires at Liuchow and Wuchow have raised the number of refugees in Liuchow to over 20,000. An important meeting was held at Wuchow the other day and a Kwangsi Famine Relief Committee has been organized consisting of sixteen members.

They include Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, General Li Tung Jen, General Pei Tung Hsi, General Wong Shu Hung, General Wu Ting Yang, Dr. Ma Chun Wu, Chancellor of the Kwangsi University, and others. The Committee has already started its campaign for funds for the relief of the distressed, and thousands of sacks of rice have been ordered by the Committee from Hong Kong for Wuchow, Liuchow, and other big cities in Kwangsi.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TO-MORROW'S MEETING.

SIX NEW ORDINANCES.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held in the Sanitary Board room to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 p.m.

The Colonial Secretary will move that the Tramway Company be given permission to construct:—

- about 240 yards of single track tramway connecting the existing single track at the south end of Percival Street with the existing single track in Wong Nei Chong Road opposite tramway standard No. 663;
- an additional crossover near the junction of Praya East and Percival Street;
- a single track tramway, approximately 330 yards in length, along Bowington Canal Road East, between Praya East and Leighton Hill Road;
- a single track tramway of approximately 50 yards in length connecting the tramway depot in Russell Street with Bowington Canal Road East.

It will also be proposed that the percentage on the valuation of tenements payable as rates for tenements in Apichau shall be altered and that the same shall be 10 per cent. on and from the date to be fixed by H.E. the Governor for the coming into effect of this resolution.

Six new Ordinances will come up for their first reading. These are:—

An Ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance, 1863.

An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1886.

An Ordinance to amend the law with respect to the carriage of goods by sea.

An Ordinance to protect the registered proprietor of any design registered in the United Kingdom.

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1916.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Following the Legislative Council there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee when supplementary votes totalling \$78,293 will be considered. The chief items are:—

Transport.

Transport of Government Servants \$60,000

The provision made in the estimates was \$300,000. The cost of this service has been under-estimated. The vote to 31st October has been over-spent by approximately \$9,000, and it is expected that a further sum of \$51,000 will be required to meet Crown Agents' account for the months of September to December and local expenditure for November and December. The period qualifying for leave has been reduced and heavy recruitment of 1923-4 has resulted in an increase in the number of officers proceeding on leave during the current year. The vote for 1923 has been increased to \$230,000.

Mr. T. H. King At Scotland Yard.

Police Force Incidental Expenses \$400

The provision made in the estimate was \$5,000. The excess on this vote is due to the expenses incurred by Mr. T. H. King whilst attending a course of instruction at Scotland Yard (£236 13s. 6d. at 2/0 = \$382.76).

Water Meters.

Maintenance Charges \$5,000

The provision made in the estimates was \$5,000. For reasons of general economy the expenditure on meter repairs and cleaning has been kept down to a minimum during the past three years with the result that an accumulation of repair work has had to be dealt with this year.

Official Visits.

H.E. the Governor: Incidental expenses \$250

The provision made in the estimates was \$5,000. As a result of various official visits to Hong Kong this year, there has been a heavier expenditure than usual from the Incidental Expenses Vote. It is anticipated that a further sum of \$250 will be required to meet incidental expenses to the end of the year.

The Colonial Secretariat.

Building and Contingent Work \$2,500

The first provision made for building an additional storey to the C.S.O. was \$103,000 which was afterwards supplemented by \$31,000. It is now considered desirable to construct motor approaches and a porch to the western main entrance to provide shelter in wet weather, and to avoid the present unsatisfactory arrangement by which cars habitually halt at the side entrance on the main road.

To complete the erection of the porch at the same time as the remainder of the works it should be proceeded with immediately and a supplementary vote of \$2,500 is requested for this purpose.

Less provision made in estimates for salary of 3rd assistant auditor \$4,600.00

Supplementary vote of \$2,500.00

Grand Total \$78,293.73

YESTERDAY'S TRAFFIC CASES.

RECKLESS DRIVING ON STUBBS ROAD.

MR. T. G. WEALL AS COMPLAINANT.

Mr. T. G. Weall gave evidence before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a motor-car driver employed by the Hong Kong Hotel Garage was charged with reckless driving on Stubbs Road on December 1st.

Witness said that he was driving up Stubbs Road in his car at eighteen miles an hour. The defendant, driving a seven-seater Studebaker, came round a bend in the road above "Huntingdon" at about thirty miles an hour. The car swung to the wrong side of the road to avoid some coolies carrying furniture, giving witness only about three feet of the road. Witness had to pull up his car dead to avoid an accident. Defendant managed to swerve sufficiently to avoid a collision.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

In another case a Chinese who drove a motor-cycle combination at thirty-seven miles per hour in Praya East during a busy time of the day was fined \$15. A third case for speeding at thirty miles per hour along Connaught Road and up Murray Road was met with a similar fine.

P.W.D. Transport.

Transport Expenses to December 1st \$1,000

The provision made in the estimates was \$3,000, which was subsequently increased by \$4,000. Owing to the large amount of surveying work undertaken in outlying areas transport expenses have increased and an additional supply of \$1,000 is requested.

Language Study.

Language Study Allowances \$3,500

The provision made in the estimates was \$17,000. Owing to the large number of officers now studying the Chinese language and the increased allowances for teachers the provision for this service has fallen short of actual requirements.

Royal Observatory.

Evening Weather Map \$800

The provision made in the estimates for personal emoluments at the Royal Observatory was \$28,361, which was subsequently increased by \$240. There is a deficiency of \$800 on this vote owing to \$800 being required for payment of an allowance of \$50 a month each to the Director and Chief Assistant of the Observatory for preparation of the evening weather map, weather report and forecast, during the nine months' absence on leave of the First Assistant.

In 1923, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce recommended that an evening weather report and forecast should be prepared and distributed, in addition to the morning report. This recommendation was carried out. It throws additional evening work on the European staff of the Observatory for which no payment is made when all three are available, but when one is on leave an allowance of \$50 a month is granted to each of the remaining two who prepare the weather map, report and forecast on alternate evenings.

Audit Department.

Personal Emoluments \$9,433

The provision made in the estimates was \$36,159. The amount now required is made up as follows:—

Appointment of 2nd assistant auditor at salary of £750 p.a. from 22.6.28 to 31.12.28 (half pay) \$ 418.67

From 3.11.28 to 31.12.28 1,450.00

(Quoted in estimates as 3rd assistant auditor) \$1,866.67

Salary of 3rd assistant auditor under estimated. 33

(Quoted in estimates as 2nd assistant auditor).

Salary of examiner at £400 p.a. from 1.4.28 to 31.12.28 not provided in estimates 3,600.00

Salary of stenographer at \$500 p.m. from 1.3.28 to 31.12.28 not provided in estimates 800.00

Good conduct allowance to 1 messenger at \$12 p.a. from 1.3.28 to 31.12.28 not provided in estimates 5.00

Exchange compensation allowances from 1.1.28 to 30.6.28 not provided in estimates 980.73

Less provision made in estimates for salary of 3rd assistant auditor 4,600.00

Grand Total \$7,232.73

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PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR-ENDED 30th JUNE, 1928.

THE Company having declared a FINAL DIVIDEND of 15% (Fifteen Per Cent), free of Income Tax, for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1928, Holders of Bearer Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividend on presentation of No. 33 Coupon of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to any one of the following Banks—

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P. C. YOUNG,
General Manager,
THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th DAY of DECEMBER, 1928, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CHOW'S LAND at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 25 years commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 25 years less three days.

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No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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		As per sale plan.			

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UNITED SERVICES RECREATION CLUB.

A TENNIS TOURNAMENT will be held at the CLUB, commencing—

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1929.

The Tournament is Only Open to Members and Subscribers, their Wives and Families and Guests staying in the Houses of Members and Subscribers.

ENTRANCE FEES for Each Event for Each Player as follows—

\$2.—HANDICAP EVENTS.

\$3.—OPEN EVENTS SINGLES.

\$5.—PER PAIR DOUBLES.

ENTRIES should reach the Hon. Secretary, U.S.R.C., by 5 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1929. Lists Posted in U.S.R.C. will be Taken Down at the Same Time.

EVENTS—

I.—Mixed Doubles Handicap.

II.—Men's Doubles Handicap.

III.—Men's Singles Handicap.

IV.—Ladies' Doubles Handicap.

V.—Ladies' Singles Handicap.

VI.—Mixed Doubles. Open.

VII.—Men's Doubles. Open.

VIII.—Men's Singles. Open and Tottenham Cup.

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CHAMPIONSHIP—

IX.—Ladies' Doubles. Open to the Colony.

(Under the auspices of the Lawn Tennis Association, Hong Kong).

X.—Ladies' Singles. Open.

C. N. JOY, Lieut., R.A.

Hon. Secretary, U.S.R.C.

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FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(In Voluntary Liquidation.)

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Association held on 14th DECEMBER, 1928, it was resolved that the Association be Wound Up and that JOHN FLEMING and ARCHIBALD RITCHIE, Chartered Accountants, be appointed Liquidators.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CREDITORS of the HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE are required on or before the 31st DAY of DECEMBER, 1928, to send in Particulars of their Debts and Claims, if any, to the Undersigned at CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, Victoria, Hong Kong, when Claims admitted will be paid in full.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1928.

JOHN FLEMING,
A. RITCHIE,
Liquidators.

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HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

TRAMWAY ORDINANCE, 1902.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Company intends to apply to the Governor-in-Council for power to construct—

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and (b) Three Additional Loops or Passing Places in SHAIKWAN Road between NORTH POINT and QUARRY BAY.

These Extensions and Additions to be carried out in accordance with Plans deposited with the Director of Public Works.

L. C. F. BULLAMY,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928. [7108]

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

4th JANUARY, 1929.

MEMBERS are Requested to send in their Applications for TICKETS to the BALL as soon as possible to MESSRS. BUTLIN & SOMMERFELD, Joint Ball Secretaries, c/o LINSTEAD & DAVIS. [7081]

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

25th, 26th, 27th FEBRUARY, AND 2nd MARCH, 1929.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONG KONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES. Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928. [7109]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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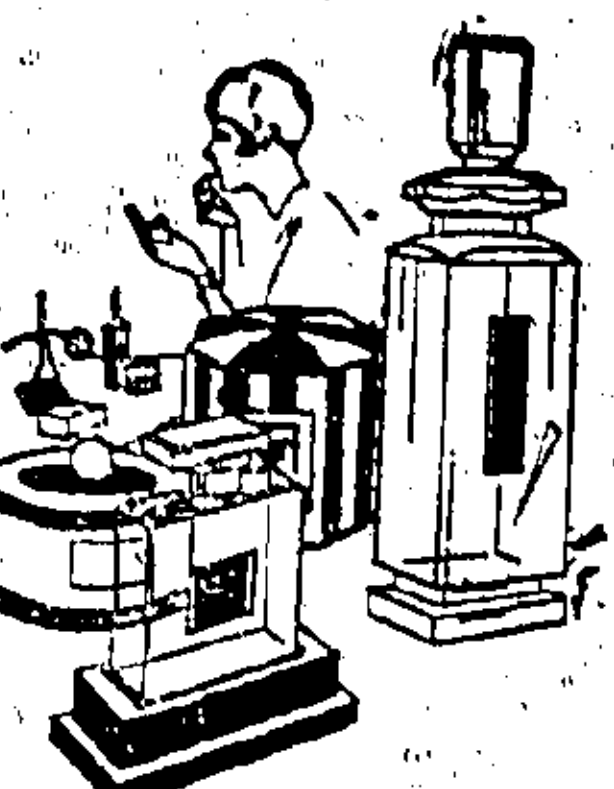
THE FUTURE OF FLYING.

In December, 1903, WILLIAM and ORVILLE WRIGHT made the first flight in an airplane driven by a petrol engine, and on Monday last a public dinner was held in London to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this great event. Almost simultaneously comes news from New York of the organisation of a tremendous merger of air and road transport interests with a capital of about fifteen millions sterling.

The use of airplanes for carrying mails and valuable freight has developed very rapidly in the United States, and the establishment of this new combine suggests not only the considerable extension of existing services, but further development of passenger traffic, probably operated in connection with fast motor-coach routes. In a vast country like the United States—as in China—there are tremendous opportunities for extending air-plane services. For years there have been regular trans-continental mail services, and more recently there have been further extensions in various directions north and south of the San Francisco-New York route. The next ten years will certainly witness an astounding development of air services in the United States, and probably also in China.

It was in May, 1896, that a power-driven motor airplane made a flight of ninety seconds which definitely demonstrated the possibility of free dynamic flight. Professor S. P. LANGLEY, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, started experiments in 1887 in England itself there are so many fast and frequent rail and motor-coach services that there is less scope for the development of air routes than in large countries not so well served by older methods of transport. But there is no disguising the fact that commerce is literally acquiring new wings; air-men are cutting down distances and times in all directions, and will

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continue to reduce not only these important factors but costs as well. The reaction of air services upon other methods of transport cannot be yet estimated, but that there will be a reaction is not to be questioned, and should not be ignored. This does not mean that steamships and railways are doomed to extinction, but it does mean that the advantages of swift air travel will affect to what extent remains to be seen—those methods of transportation which are subject to costs and delays which are avoided by taking to the air.

It will not be very long before there is a regular air service from Europe to the Far East across Siberia. German interests for some time have been in negotiation with the Russian authorities with the object of organising a service which would follow the route of the Siberian Railway. In China there is at present no air service in regular operation, but preliminary plans for carrying mails and passengers have been drawn up and are being rapidly developed towards the stage of actual operation. As an expert recently pointed out in an article appearing in our columns, the innumerable rivers and waterways constitute natural air-routes for China; and enterprising designers and engineers who give careful study to the subject will find in China an enormous field in which to develop their ideas. Whether British aviation interests are giving this matter the close attention it deserves we are not sure, but we do know that French and American concerns are actively engaged in prospecting this field, and Russo-German interests are also keeping in close touch with Chinese aerial ambitions. A Japanese air service between Tokyo and Shanghai has been already organised, and may be extended considerably if it proves to be a business success. Transport will be speeded up in China as it has been elsewhere, and we may expect to see close co-operation between land, air, and water services—first for mails, then for valuable freight, and finally for passengers. With their splendid record for speed and safety, British aviation interests should be able to secure their full share of the development which will be seen in China within the next few years in this direction.

News and Views.

The Hong Kong Benevolent Society acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$50, through Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, from Miss Sybil Joseph.

A fine of \$4, double the usual amount, was imposed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on a hawk. The Magistrate remarked that the Star Ferry Pier, where the alleged offence took place, was the last place where hawkers should be allowed to cause obstruction.

The interesting little statuette in bronze and ivory, which is a self portrait, and has attracted a good deal of attention during the time it has been in the shop of Komor and Komor, has been sold locally. It is to be delivered on Christmas Eve as a surprise for the wife of the purchaser.

A Chinese woman died in hospital on Monday afternoon from injuries received while alighting from a moving tram-car near the Manila Shows in Prince's Street. The woman was in a hurry to leave the car while it was moving at full speed and against the advice of a relative she jumped and fell on her head.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, a Chinese gentleman, Mr. Im Pak Hai, failed to answer his summons for jury service, and was fined \$50. Later in the afternoon, he appeared in Court and apologised to the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan. He said that he did not feel well and in consequence had arrived late. His Lordship then reduced the fine to \$10.

The sequel to a fight between two clan factions in the Tung Tuk Cholies' Union which occurred on the waterfront last week was heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a number of the injured who had been in hospital were charged with unruly conduct. It was stated that the fight was due to the Wongs having obtained some business which the Chongs had previously enjoyed. Two defendants were fined \$20 each, two others \$5 each, and all were bound over to keep the peace.

The hearing of the forged bank note case in which twelve Chinese are involved was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The evidence of the Chinese detective who was to have brought the forged notes from the prime mover of the gang—Chan Wing—was continued and the case adjourned. Detective Sergeant Fitches, the police officer who was in charge of the raid on the premises at No. 19, Queen's Road West, will be called at the next hearing.

Oxford Undergraduates Hoaxed.

An unusual hoax has been played on a number of Oxford undergraduates. One night last month about 150 men received summonses apparently from the Proctors requesting them to attend at their office at the Old Clarendon Buildings at 9.45 next morning. The Proctors became aware of the hoax and in most of the colleges the notices were intercepted by the authorities and returned unopened to the Proctors' office. Late at night five undergraduates drove up to the Clarendon Buildings and threw bottles of whitewash at the windows. Six windows of the University Chest Office were broken, but the windows of the Proctors' office escaped. Next morning a crowd of 50 or 60 undergraduates assembled outside the buildings, and about 40 more passers-by stopped to see what was happening. Shortly after 9.45 members of the City Brigade appeared with two motor-tenders. Apparently they had received a telephone message at 9.42 a.m. that the Clarendon Buildings were on fire. Soon afterwards the undergraduates dispersed and the motor-tenders also departed.

London Houses Into Shops.

In Chelsea, the latest "fash" seems to be—if you want a house converted to a shop into one. Should, however, a shop for the sale of books or some elegant trifle be the object in view, then an ordinary shop would never do, but a house must have a glass show window put into it. New residential quarters and new shopping streets are the result of this curious craze. During the last year or so shops have gradually been disappearing in Cheyne Walk and in many little streets running down to the river. In Church Street, Royal Hospital Row, and Danvers Street, for instance, quite a number of little shops have had their shop windows removed and the domestic variety substituted, and, with touches of bright-coloured paint, made into attractive little dwelling-houses. On the other side of the King's Road the opposite thing is being done. A year ago Sidney Street, except just at the King's Road corner, had no shops; now the whole street is sprinkled with shop windows in which books and antiques are chiefly displayed. The same thing is being done in many other streets nearby, where the attractive little old houses certainly make a charming setting for the ornamental goods that are displayed.

Pre-Wedding Parties.

A new kind of party has recently been introduced into London which shows every sign of becoming popular. Its occasion is some approaching wedding. Instead of the bridegroom merely having a bachelor affair on the eve of the marriage, the latest thing is for the engaged couple to give a large party to all their young friends a day or two before the wedding. Quite a number of these pre-wedding parties have been given recently.

Last month most of the fashionable young people in London were at an affair of this kind, given by a popular young couple, for which the whole of a well-known restaurant was taken. In this case special precautions were taken against "gate crashers." As well as an ordinary invitation "requesting the pleasure of your company" at a party to celebrate their forthcoming marriage, the host and hostess sent special tickets which the guests had to take with them. While this kind of party seems quite new in England, for a generation a young people's party has always been given on the eve of a wedding in Germany. There is usually dancing, and poems are recited in honour of the bride and bridegroom. While the former amusement, with perhaps a cabaret entertainment as well, is provided at the new English variety the German poetical touch has not yet been added.

Why Horse Traffic Persists.

Inquiries and applications for comparative costs of horse and motor traffic are continually being received from many parts of England, by the National Horse Association. Several county councils are also going into the comparative costs. Some interesting comparisons made between horse power and mechanical power have shown that for city transport the horse is the cheapest and more reliable. In one instance the incidental daily costs of horse-drawn vehicles came out at 15s. 8d., regard being had to feeding, renewal and repair of saddlery, depreciation of both horse and cart, shoeing and veterinary attendance, stabling charges, repair to cart, and driver's wages and insurance. The cost for mechanically propelled vehicles, on the other hand, worked out at 49s. 10d. per day, consideration being given to driver's wages, packers' wages, oil, waste, etc. depreciation of tyres, garaging, licence, and repairs. The working costs per hour were, in the case of the horse-drawn vehicle, 2s. 4d. against 5s. 1d., the cost per ton 2s. 7d. against 5s. 1d.; and the cost per load 6s. 3d. against 12s. 6d. These comparisons were based on an eight-hour day for 313 days a year. A Manchester firm who carefully took out their costs over a long period for the collection and delivery of cloth had that the cost per piece of cloth for horse delivery only amounted to 0.859 pence, while for motor delivery it was 2.454 pence. It is therefore not surprising that the horse not only remains but is being put back on the road.

Naval Gun Lost In Thames.

Divers from several salvage vessels last month were searching the bed of the Thames Estuary at a point about a mile off Southend Pier for a twelve-inch naval gun believed to be worth £20,000, which became unshipped from a lighter during a gale. The lighter was being towed from Shoeburyness to Woolwich by a Government vessel when it fouled a barge, with the result that it dipped at the stern. As it did so the gun, which was mounted on a carriage resting on rails on the lighter's deck, moved and slipped into the water. The lighter then broke adrift and was carried away by the storm, but a trawler boat located it and rescued the crew. For several days boats were dragging the bottom of the estuary at the spot where the gun was believed to lie in four or five fathoms of water.

Games And Experts.

Senior Capablanca has suggested that the perfection of its masters is killing chess. In tournaments between first-class players a succession of draws is to-day virtually inevitable. Knowledge and memory have made superfluous or reduced to nullity the higher qualities of imagination and resource. Unless chess, he declares, is to become "intolerable to play and intolerable to watch," it must be reformed. Then there is the news that one of the front-rank players of billiards, has made a break of over 2,700. Here again technical proficiency has mastered a game that only the amateur nowadays finds full of variations and surprises. It was the same with whist. It is becoming the same with auction bridge. What were games of skill have been devitalised into pegs for the marvellous display of memory and technique. On the whole there is more fun in being one of the noble army of ardent amateurs at a game than a past-master at it.

THE SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

91 CASES AND 99 DEATHS LAST WEEK.

There were ninety-one fresh cases of small-pox and twenty-nine deaths last week. Formerly most of the cases have been at Kowloon, but in this return twenty-one are from Victoria.

On Monday another twenty-two cases were notified, six from Victoria and sixteen from Kowloon. All cases are Chinese.

Cases of other notifiable diseases remain at a satisfactory figure. During the week there were four cases of diphtheria, two of enteric and one of paratyphoid (Japanese). There were also three deaths from influenza. On Monday two cases of enteric were notified.

AN ILL WIND.

BLEW TROUSERS TO A MAN'S SHOULDERS!

A Chinese who appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday treated his hearers to a short but incredible story. Perhaps he had in mind the excuse given by a chicken thief on a previous occasion to the effect that the bird was blown by the wind from an upper floor into a basket which he had under his arm.

A pair of trousers hung on a line outside a house in Hunghom provided the charge against the man. The evidence was that he was seen to put the garment under his coat and constantly eventually caught him after a chase.

The defendant then explained that he was passing the house when a sudden gust of wind blew the trousers onto his shoulders. A woman raised the alarm and he was arrested.

His Worship, Apparently some people steal trousers and other have trousers thrust upon them. Defendant was sentenced to seven days' hard labour.

PENANG WATER SUPPLY.

PROGRESS OF THE BATU FERRINGHI SCHEME.

PENANG, Dec. 19th.

Excellent progress is being made with the new water scheme at Batu Ferringhi. The one-and-a-quarter mile tunnel which was recently cut through is now being levelled and it is hoped that this will be completed by the end of the year after which the whole arch throughout its entire length will be lined with concrete. The finishing touches to the tunnel are expected to be done by May of next year.

Two-thirds of the construction of the service reservoir in the pass behind Mount Erskine are finished, the whole of the pipelaying is completed and the supply can now be increased by one-and-a-half million gallons daily.

Several roads in general use are now being asphalted. The whole scheme when completed will be a credit to the Municipality.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, at 5.55 p.m. yesterday state—

The anti-cyclone which was central near Nanking this morning has been absorbed by the large anti-cyclone central over North China. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of

BRITISH TARIFF AGREEMENT.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA CONCLUDING.

FORMAL RECOGNITION DELAYED.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18th.

According to opinion in Chinese circles, the draft Sino-British tariff agreement will mainly regulate temporary relations between China and Great Britain. It is of a "temporary nature" because it is intended to facilitate Chinese Customs autonomy in the future. One clause in the agreement mentions the validity of the existing Sino-British Treaty prior to its expiration. Meanwhile the British Government will place confidence in the present Nanking regime but without according it formal recognition in order that it may be able to adopt a freer policy in case the present Nanking regime changes.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18th.

The negotiations between Dr. C. T. Wang and the French Minister on the Sino-French Tariff Agreement were concluded to-day at Nanking. On the same day the French Minister visited Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18th.

The Political Committee of the Nanking Government held a special meeting yesterday morning which was mainly devoted to the discussion of the advisability of ratifying the Sino-Italian and Sino-Belgian treaties and the diplomatic problems with Great Britain. Those present included Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, General Yen Hsi Shan, Mr. Hu Han Min, Dr. Wang Chung Hui.

At the meeting Dr. C. T. Wang reported the latest development of the Sino-British negotiations, the details of which have not yet been made public.

SILK INDUSTRY.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18th.

The Nanking Ministry of Commerce and Industry has requested the Finance Ministry to order the Inspector-General of Chinese Customs to grant a loan of \$1,500,000 from the Customs surplus for relieving the situation which has now to be faced by the Chinese silk industry.

"SPIRIT OF CANTON."

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18th.

The "Spirit of Canton," which is piloted by General Cheung Wai Jung, was forced to land soon after it had started from Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, on her journey to Canton yesterday evening. She is expected to reach Canton this morning.

ROLLING STOCK IN SHANTUNG.

DETENTION BY JAPANESE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 17th.

The detention of rolling-stock by the Japanese authorities in occupation in Shantung, and the interference with trade thereby occasioned, were the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who returned yesterday from Lugano, stated that His Majesty's Government had made no representations to Japan with regard to the rolling stock in question, which belongs to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and has been interned between Tainan and the broken bridge on the Yellow River.

The British Government did not propose to make any representations since the material in question was the property of a Chinese State railway and British interests were only indirectly concerned.

He was quite sure that the Japanese authorities had no desire to hamper international trade carried on over the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and that this rolling-stock would be put into circulation as soon as practical considerations make this possible.

MARK OF ORIGIN FOR TEA.

PLAN ATTACKED ON ALL SIDES.

PLANTING IN THE EAST INDIES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 17th.

The inquiry at the Board of Trade concerning the application for an order requiring a mark of origin on imported tea was resumed to-day, one of the first witnesses called being Mr. Charles Morrell, representing the British Chamber of Commerce in the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Morrell said he believed that a marking order would adversely affect the British export trade to the East Indies.

Mr. Eric MacFadyen, the chairman of the tea section of the same organisation, said that some of the British firms had expanded their business from Ceylon and India to the East Indies because tea-planting territory could be purchased in Sumatra at 14/- per acre, as against from £15 to £20 per acre in Ceylon.

Mr. MacFadyen considered that the standard of East Indies tea had considerably risen in recent years. The marketing of tea containers carrying British would restrict investments in tea produce in the East Indies.

Opposition to the marking proposal was also voiced by Joseph Travers and Company. One of Messrs. Lyons' representatives expressed the opinion that it would create chaos in Great Britain, while their tea buyer, Mr. H. C. Barton, said that Java tea grown by Dutchmen was very different from that grown by English firms in the same country. Dutchmen, he said, do not understand tea, and with one exception, produced a lower grade.

WINE BUREAU AND HANKOW CLUB.

POLICE GUARDING PREMISES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

HANKOW, Dec. 17th.

On Sunday the Hankow Wine Bureau demanded to inspect the stocks held by the Hankow Club. The officials of the Bureau were informed that the premises of the Club could not be entered without a warrant.

The action in demanding to inspect the stocks is in direct opposition to the ruling of Nanking. Police of No. 3 Special Administrative District are now guarding the Club against intrusion by officials of the Bureau.

"SHASI" PIRATES.

THREE MORE EXECUTED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

HANKOW, Dec. 17th.

Three leaders of the a.s. Shasi piracy gang were tried and executed at Hankow on Saturday. This concluded the trial and punishment of offenders.

LI HUNG CHANG'S GRANDSON KIDNAPPED.

\$500,000 DEMANDED BY SHANGHAI GANG.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8th.

One hundred and fifty foreign and Chinese private detectives of Shanghai are scouring the city in a search for Little Pa Pao, grandson of Li Hung Chang, the great Chinese statesman who became famous serving the Empress Dowager Tzu Hsi during the last dynasty. The boy is being held by kidnappers who are demanding ransom of \$500,000. Shanghai currency.

Three days after the boy was kidnapped a letter was received by his father, Li Tu Pu, wealthy merchant, formerly of North China. The father notified the police. Two days later a severed finger of the boy was received through the mail by his distracted parents.

Police set a trap for the kidnappers but failed to apprehend them. The parents, in addition to enlisting the aid of the police of the International Settlement, French Concession and Chinese city, hired all available men of five foreign and Chinese detective agencies. The lad, 2 years old, was playing with his nurse in front of a temple when a motor-car drew up, three men jumped out, struck the nurse, seized the boy and made off. Only a meagre description of the men, all of whom spoke the Hoi Fui dialect, was obtained, although the kidnapping took place in a crowded section of the city and was witnessed by scores of persons.

BRITISH SUBJECTS IN KABUL.

ANXIETY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

LEGATION'S ISOLATED POSITION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 18th.

It was stated in official quarters last night that the events, in Afghanistan are causing concern, and news of the Legation staff and British subjects in Kabul is awaited with anxiety. Lady Humphreys is with Sir Francis at the Legation and there are also three other English ladies and three children. There are altogether sixteen British Europeans in Kabul and between one and two thousand other British subjects.

The Legation is situated outside the city and may not have been in the area of fighting, but at present it is impossible to say whether its isolation may be a source of danger.

Communication Out.

LATER.

Wireless communication with Kabul has been completely interrupted and grave anxiety is felt. An attempt is now being made to re-establish communication by aeroplane.

According to travellers from Afghanistan via Kandahar and Quetta, martial law has been proclaimed in Kabul and assemblies of over five persons are forbidden. Curfew is enforced and there are frequent arrests.

The rebels have surrounded Afghan troops at Nimla near Jalalabad, and a *Fatwa* (edict), signed by twenty important Mullahs, has been distributed summoning the people to obey their ruler.

Amannullah Safe?

The situation in Afghanistan is very disquieting to authoritative quarters in London, whose latest information from Kabul is dated on the night of December 18th. On this date the rebels reached the outskirts of the capital and occupied two posts. King Amannullah was then reported to be in the Dikhusha Palace.

There is no evidence that the king is anti-British. There are sixteen Britishers in the Legation, which is two miles outside the city, but the other British subjects in Kabul are non-European. The Afghan Legation in London declares that King Amannullah and Queen Souriya are safe in their Palace, and denies that the army has revolted. It declares "the minor incidents on December 18th were due to a brigand chief raiding the suburb."

PROHIBITION VOTE TURNED DOWN.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17th.

The Senate, on the second reading, eliminated an amendment increasing the Treasury Department's appropriation for Prohibition enforcement from \$20,000,000 to \$27,000,000.

The amendment was submitted by the anti-Prohibitionist Senator, Mr. Bruce, merely in order to start a debate on Prohibition and was read a first time without opposition, because the Senate was anxious to proceed with other business.

A CHINESE "KNIGHT ERRANT."

HIS SECOND VENTURE ENDS DISASTROUSLY.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8th.

Five years ago Kwang Li Tsao, a hotel coolie, went to the aid of a man who was being severely beaten by another and a larger man. For this act Kwang was rewarded with more money than he had ever seen—\$500, Shanghai currency.

For two years Kwang lived a life of luxury and ease. A comfortable bed, days of sleep and nights of mah Jong, and plenty of rice to eat. At the end of the second year, his fortune gone, Kwang returned to his old job.

Recently Kwang emerged from the hotel and came upon a man and a girl engaged in a violent quarrel. The quarrel developed into a fight; Kwang thought he saw an opportunity. Here now he reasoned, was another chance to make more easy money.

With true Sir Walter Raleigh chivalry, although perhaps not strictly in the name of chivalry, Kwang went to the aid of the girl. Kwang's relatives are sorry now. Both man and girl turned upon Kwang. He was stabbed seven times and died in the "Lester" Chinese hospital. The murderers escaped. *United Press.*

A TEMPORARY SETBACK.

LOST GROUND REGAINED.

LITTLE CHANGE FROM LAST NIGHT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 17th.

After three successive bulletins regarding His Majesty have struck a hopeful note, the King has had a sudden set-back and at 8.15 p.m. to-night, the following bulletin was issued from Buckingham Palace:

"The King has this afternoon been somewhat restless and the progress recently noted has not been continued during the last few hours."

(Signed) STANLEY HEWETT, HON. RIGBY, DAWSON OF PENN.

It is evident that the King to-day has lost some of the ground gained during the preceding thirty-six hours, though it is hoped that the set-back is merely temporary.

Although slight improvements have been noted in the previous bulletins, it is known that the improvement has never been marked, and it cannot be said that real and steady progress has been made.

Ray therapy treatment was again carried out to-night by Dr. Woods and Dr. Howitt, who were at the Palace for about half an hour this evening.

EBB AND FLOW.

LONDON, Dec. 18th.

A bulletin issued at 11 a.m. states that, in spite of the King having passed a disturbed night, there is a slight improvement both in the general and local conditions.

His Majesty did not pass a comfortable night, but his condition is about the same as last night.

It is understood that the more favourable bulletin indicates that yesterday's slight set-back was, as hoped, merely temporary. The doctors were anxious to see if last night's less satisfactory conditions merely represented the normal ebb and flow, and this morning's slight improvement has confirmed this view.

The King has now apparently recovered part of the ground lost yesterday.

Sir Stanley Hewett for the fifteenth successive occasion remained last night at the Palace. Prince's Optimism.

The more hopeful note struck earlier in the day has now to be taken in conjunction with the later bulletin. It was, for instance, stressed that following three reports of slight improvement, the doctors at 3.15 p.m. to-day were able to state officially that this was continued.

The natural sleep obtained during last night was also emphasised as a most important feature, since it was taken to mean that His Majesty had hitherto been taking sedatives.

This view was confirmed by the Lord Mayor of London in a speech at the Mansion House, saying: "I saw the Prince of Wales this morning and he said he was very pleased that the last two reports were so much more favourable, and that for two nights the King had had sleep without having any sleeping draught."

The Lord Mayor added that the Prince of Wales seemed very much more hopeful that more favourable bulletins might be issued in a day or two.

Warnings Justified.

LONDON, Dec. 18th.

Last night's bulletin bears out the warnings which have been repeatedly given by those in close touch with the King's condition, that optimism must be guarded and restrained.

Anxiety has never been absent during the past few days, and though last night's report has not unduly increased that anxiety, it nevertheless continues.

It is hardly to be expected, however, that progress will be uninterrupted, and too much discouragement should not be felt when the improvement ceases for a few hours.

The New Year's Honours List has been postponed on account of the King's illness, but it is understood that any such alteration will not interfere with the usual half-yearly promotions in the fighting services.

GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR MINERS.

PAYMENTS TO LORD MAYOR'S FUNDS.

DOUBLING PRIVATE GIFTS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 17th.

Government proposals for mitigating the distress in the mining areas were outlined by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, in reply to a question by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, in the House of Commons.

Mr. Baldwin said the Government proposed to ask Parliament to authorise certain special measures to deal with the present emergency, though it was important that these measures should be considered in relation to the policy which the Government had already initiated and was resolved to pursue.

Apart altogether from the heavy cost of normal social services, including unemployment insurance, school medical services, and maternity and child welfare, and in addition to the proposals for the relief of industry from local taxation, special provisions made for the assistance of the unemployed generally during the current financial year already amounted to £1,700,000 over and above the Budget estimates.

There would be an immediate special vote of £100,000 to assist distressed families. The Government would then ask Parliament to authorise the grant to the Lord Mayor's Fund of £1 for every £1 received in voluntary subscriptions, and to pay £150,000 on account immediately as the equivalent of money already subscribed to the Fund.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

POSTPONEMENT FOR GENERAL ELECTION?

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 17th.

In view of the fact that the General Election will take place some time during next year, statements have been current that the Imperial Conference, which ordinarily would be held in 1929 might be postponed till 1930.

Questioned on this subject in the House of Commons to-day, Lieut.-Col. Amery, the Secretary for the Dominions, said he was unable to state at the moment whether the Conference would be postponed, adding that the date had not yet been fixed. The date must, of course, be suitable to all the Governments concerned.

ORVILLE WRIGHT'S GREAT FEAT.

MEMORIAL TO AIR PIONEER.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17th.

A message from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, states that the 25th anniversary of Orville Wright's epoch-making 120-foot flight was celebrated at a gathering of the representatives of thirty nations.

Those attending witnessed the unveiling of a memorial tablet on the spot where the elementary aircraft took off, this being performed by Senator Bingham, President of the National Aeronautical Association.

Mr. Davis, the Secretary for War, in a speech paid a warm tribute to the Wright Brothers.

GREAT BRITISH STEEL FIRMS.

FURTHER AMALGAMATION ANNOUNCED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Dec. 18th.

Agreements were signed yesterday providing for the amalgamation of steel interests exclusive of those concerned with guns, gun mountings, armoured cars and tanks, between three great companies, namely, Messrs. Vickers, Messrs. Vickers Armstrong and Messrs. Cammell Laird. It is understood that negotiations are proceeding for a new merger company to absorb other important firms in the steel industry. Another agreement between Vickers and Cammell Laird provides for the amalgamation of all the railway carriage and wagon interests of these two companies.

NEW YORK'S CHIEF OF POLICE.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17th.

Mr. Grover Whalen, the General Manager of Wanamaker's Stores, has accepted the Commission of Police, in succession to Mr. Warren, who recently resigned following the Rothstein case.

POLICE OFFICER SHOT DEAD.

EUROPEAN MURDERED IN LAHORE.

AN ARREST.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LAHORE, Dec. 17th.

A terrible outrage perpetrated, it is believed, by youthful fanatics, occurred in the streets of Lahore to-day, Mr. Saunders, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, being shot dead, while an Indian police clerk who gave chase to the assassins was also killed.

The affair has created a great sensation.

Mr. Saunders was cycling home from his office when shots rang out, and he was seen to fall dead.

Two youths armed with revolvers were immediately chased, and one of the men engaged in the pursuit was also shot down.

The assailants made good their escape on motor-cycles, but a vigorous Police search is now being made.

The crime is believed to be an act of revenge for the death of Lajpat Rai, the Nationalist leader, who the Swarajists allege died as the result of a blow received during the riot at Lahore on the occasion of the arrival of the Simon Commission.

Later, Indra Jit, son of the editor of the daily paper *Arya Samaj*, has been arrested and his father's house searched in connection with the murder of Mr. Saunders.

The police have also searched the Dayanand Arya college hostel near the scene of the crime, the premises of the "Servants of the People" Society formed by Lala Lajpat Rai.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

CONDITIONS NOT FULL FILLED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Dec. 17th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to questions, that the Government did not consider that M. Litvinoff's speech in Moscow on December 11th, with regard to trading and diplomatic relations between Russia and other countries in any way altered the situation between this country and Russia.

In the Premier's speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet on November 9th last year, the conditions were set forth on which the Government would be ready to consider the question of resuming relations with Russia, but those conditions had not yet been fulfilled.

DEAD SEA SALT CONCESSIONS.

OLD CLAIMS REVIEWED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUGBY, Dec. 17th.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. L. M. S. Amery was asked about the nature of the claim regarding the Dead Sea salt concessions made by a foreign Power on behalf of its nationals. He replied that before the war, the Turkish Government were alleged to have granted to certain Ottoman subjects a concession for the extraction of certain substances from the waters of the Dead Sea. From time to time the British Government had been requested to recognise this concession, the most recent request being from a French Company who were understood to have acquired an interest in it at a comparatively recent date.

The British Government were advised that they were under no legal obligation to recognise the Turkish concession and had repeatedly declined to do so.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SOVIET.

PEASANTS CLING TO OLD CUSTOMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

RIGA, Dec. 17th.

According to reliable information from Moscow, a conference of anti-religious societies has decided to report to the Soviet that despite the steady flow of anti-religious propaganda in schools and homes, the masses insist on celebrating Christmas with Christmas trees and presents.

The Conference also decided to ask the Soviet to prevent the co-operative societies and other shops from distributing their "obnoxious" Christmas wares, which they are selling in thousands.

If something is not soon done in this connection, the conference agreed, the efforts of the organisation to uproot old religious customs will be rendered futile.

SOUTH AMERICAN TROUBLE.

HOPES OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

MEDIATION OFFERS ACCEPTED.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17th.

Hostilities between Bolivian and Paraguayan outposts continue, and according to a message from Asuncion, the Paraguayan cavalry have recaptured a small fort after eight hours of fighting.

Two Bolivian officers and a number of men were killed, while the cavalry corps lost one officer and eleven troopers killed, and many wounded.

This news has led to the opinion being generally expressed that war is inevitable.

A latest message, however, states that the commander of the Bolivian frontier forces has ordered his forces to halt their advance and cease attacking the Paraguayans.

Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, accompanied by the Director of the Political Section, Mr. Sugimura, is leaving for Paris this evening to confer with M. Briand regarding measures to be taken in view of the Bolivian-Paraguay dispute.

League's Field of Action.

In the course of questions in the British Parliament regarding the fear of war in South America Sir N. Gration Doyle asked if the League of Nations had any jurisdiction whatever in any part of America in view of the provisions of the Monroe Doctrine.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied in the affirmative, pointing out that there were many clauses in the League Covenant which enjoined upon the Council the duty of offering its friendly offices to all States. Sir Austen said he did not think that the action taken by the Council could be thought in any quarter to raise, or challenge for a moment, the question of the Monroe Doctrine.

Sir Austen deprecated further questions by Sir N. Gration Doyle and added that he was certain that nothing that the League would do could in any way offend the United States.

Bolivia's Reply.

LUGANO, Dec. 18th.

A special session of the League Council is likely to be held in Paris during the week-end in regard to the Bolivian-Paraguay conflict.

The Bolivian Foreign Minister, in his reply welcoming the Council's pacific recommendations, states that the military commanders have been ordered to abstain from advance or attack and to confine themselves to defence. He notifies the Council that Paraguay has ordered the mobilisation of all classes between the ages of 18 and 28 years.

Efforts are being made on all hands to find a peaceful settlement of the dispute; the Pope and King Alfonso being among those who have offered to assist, while Mr. Kellogg is doing his utmost to settle the quarrel and to restore peace.

It is reported from Washington that both countries now seem willing to accept the proffered mediation of the Pan-American Conference.

The Pope's Anxiety.

A message from Rome states, according to the *Tribuna*, that the Pope has summoned to Rome Monsignor Chirala, the new Papal Nuncio to La Paz, with a view to urging Bolivia to agree to a peaceful solution of the quarrel.

Madrid is also actively interested in the war threat and General Primo de Rivera has announced that Spain as the "mother of both countries and the spiritual head of the peoples of the Spanish race" has approached the Bolivian and Paraguayan Governments in the interests of a peaceful settlement.

The Presidents of both countries have replied to the Spanish Government—expressing profound thanks.

In addition to accepting the offer of mediation by the Pan-American Conference, the Government of Paraguay has also accepted the offer of mediation made by the President of the Argentine Republic.

THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIA'S BAD POSITION.

HUGE ENGLISH SCORE.

[THROUGH LARWOOD'S AGENCY.]

England's total stood at 430 for 6 wickets when Hammond and Larwood, with scores of 201 and 37, resumed the innings this morning before a crowd of 5,000 in brilliant weather. Larwood soon fell a victim to Grimmett, but Hammond, by glorious hitting on the off side, passed Murdoch's total of 211, made at the Oval in 1884, the second highest individual score in Test Matches against Australia. When Hammond had reached 251 he turned a ball from Ironmonger into his wicket. In the course of his superb innings, which lasted 451 minutes, he hit thirty 4's. The lunch interval was taken at 519 for 7, at which point Geary had scored 21 and Tate 22.

Records Broken.

Soon after the resumption Tate fell to Blackie, but Geary scored rapidly before he was dismissed by the same bowler, after a steady partnership with Duckworth. The score was soon raised to 590, beating the previous highest total of 530, made against Australia in 1912, and later White put Ironmonger to leg for 3, putting up the sixth century and beating the previous Test Match record, made by Australia at Melbourne in 1925. The tea interval was taken with the score at 600, Duckworth being 35 and White 7.

The crowd had increased to 15,000 by the time the game was resumed, and White quickly reached double figures. This was only the second time in the history of the Tests in which every man on the side has reached double figures. White finally fell a victim to Hendry in trying to force the pace still further.

Australian's Early Loss.

In the time remaining for play, Australia suffered an early loss, for Richardson was caught by Hendry off Tate before a run had been scored. Hendry then joined Woodcock, and the score was raised to 39 for one wicket when stumpers were drawn, leaving Australia 344 runs behind.

Score:—

Australia—1st Innings.			
W. M. Woodfull, l.b.w. b			
Geary	98		
V. Y. Richardson, l.b.w. b			
Larwood	37		
A. F. Kippax, b Geary	9		
W. H. Ponsford, retired			
hurt	5		
H. L. Hendry, b Geary	37		
J. S. Ryder, l.b.w. b Geary	25		
O. E. Nodding, b Larwood	8		
C. W. Oldfield, not out	41		
D. D. J. Blackie, b Geary	3		
H. Ironmonger, b Duckworth	1		
Extras	15		
Total	233		

Fall of the wickets:—
1/51: 2/65; 3/75; 4/152; 5/153;
6/171; 7/192; 8/222; 9/251; 10/253.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	28.2	4	77	3
Tate	21	9	29	0
White	30	10	79	0
Geary	19	5	35	5
Hammond	5	0	13	0

England—1st Innings.

Hobbs, c Oldfield, b Grimmett	40
Sutcliffe, c Hendry, b Ironmonger	11
Hammond, b Ironmonger	251
D. R. Jardine, run out	28
Hendren, c Richardson, b Blackie	74
A. P. F. Chapman, c Ryder, b Blackie	20
Larwood, c Ryder, b Grimmett	43
Geary, l.b.w. b Blackie	66
Tate, l.b.w. b Blackie	26
Duckworth, not out	39
J. C. White, st. Oldfield, b Hendry	29
Extras	10
Total	638

Fall of the wickets:—
1/37: 2/65; 3/148; 4/203; 5/241;
6/432; 7/498; 8/523; 9/599; 10/636.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Nothing	42	15	60	0
Grimmett	64	14	191	2
Ironmonger	65	21	142	2
Blackie	59	10	148	4
Hendry	22.1	4	52	1
Ryder	11	3	22	0
Kippax	5	3	11	0

Australia—2nd Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, not out	17
V. Y. Richardson, c Hendren, b Tate	0
H. L. Hendry, not out	21
Extras	1
Total (for 1 wicket)	39

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

ANNUAL SERVICES CHARITY MATCH.

ROYAL NAVY 4; ARMY 1.

A good number of Service men turned out to witness the Annual Charity game between the Services which was played yesterday on the Hong Kong F.C. ground at Happy Valley. By kind permission of the Officers, the band of the Beds and Herts Regt. and the Pipe Band of the K.O.S.B. played selections on the ground. Among those present were H.E. Admiral Sir R. Tyrwhitt, C-in-C. Major-General Luard, G.O.C. Commodore Scott-Hill and Col. L. J. Comyns, K.O.S.B.

The following were the players:—
Royal Navy: Leg-Tel. Brockman (H.M.S. Titania); A.B. MacGregor (H.M.S. Kent) and Ldg. Sen. Baker (H.M.S. Titania); A.B. Cope (H.M.S. Tamar); Cpl. Perks (H.M.S. Berwick) and A.B. Moss (H.M.S. Cumberland); A.B. Barkham (H.M.S. Titania); A.B. Evans (H.M.S. Bruce); A.B. Jones (H.M.S. Kent); A.B. Mann and O.S. Bowles (H.M.S. Cumberland).
Army: Bdam. Mott (Beds and Herts Regt.); Sgt. Hooper (Queen's Regt.); Pte. Martin (K.O.S.B.); Pte. Everest (K.O.S.B.); Sgt. Hill (Queen's Regt.); Ptes. Cross and Berry (Beds and Herts Regt.); Sgt. Reeves (K.O.S.B.); Sgt. Lench (R.A.) and Sgt. Caldwell (Queen's Regt.).

Referee: Mr. W. E. Hollands.
The Navy soon got into their stride and the Army defence was hard pressed. Barkham outpaced Martin and sent over for Mann to meet the ball and open the score for the Navy. The Navy were playing a strong game and the play kept in the Army half for a time. Mott saved a hard one from Evans.
Barkham was a trouble to the Army defence and put across some fine centres. A mistake by Hooper let in Jones and he gave Mott no chance with a shot from close range. The interval arrived with the score: Royal Navy 2, Army 0.
During the interval, the match ball was drawn for and won by ticket No. 6277.

When the game re-started, the Army made straight for goal, but Lench shot over the bar with a powerful drive. For a time the Army had a good share of the play but seldom got dangerous owing to the good tracking and clearing by MacGregor and Baker. The Navy then got working and corners to the Navy were frequent but the Army defended strongly although Jones and Evans were always dangerous. Barkham beat Martin and slipped the ball to Jones who forced his way through Hooper and beat Mott from close range. The Army were now a well beaten side and a shot from Barkham crashed against the upright with Mott out of position and the ball rebounded out of play. Evans forced his way through and sent across the goalmouth, Mann running in sent hard against the post and the ball shot across the goalmouth and Jones sent it into the net, giving the Navy a four goals lead. Shortly after the final whistle sounded with the score: Royal Navy 4, Army 1.

The Navy fielded a well balanced side and the Army were beaten by a much better team. The Army attack was weak and the Navy forwards ran the defence off their feet. Barkham was outstanding and Martin could do little against him. Mott had more to do than Brockman and the Navy backs were safer than the Army pair.

MID-WEEK LEAGUE.

The following games in the mid-week League are down for decision to-day:—

South China v. P.W.D.—Chinese, Caroline Hill. Referee: Pte. Farnsworth.
Hung Kui School v. Lam Long Wan, China Athletic ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.
Ewo Chinese v. China Athletic. St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Lee-Corpl. Grieve.

The Athletic should take full points from Ewo. The other two games should be evenly contested and the Hung Kui School should secure a point from Lam Long Wan. South China have been weakened by transfers to Saturday football and it would not be a surprise if P.W.D. take full points to-day.

CRICKETER GOES HOME IN TEARS.

BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT FOR STAPLES.

SYDNEY, Nov. 22nd.
Sam Staples, the Nottinghamshire bowler, who is leaving for home owing to illness, was found sitting alone in his compartment, sobbing bitterly, before the train left Sydney last night.
He said to a newspaper man who tried to cheer him up: "I suppose the team are now well on the way to Brisbane. I wish I was with them too."

A sensation has been caused in Queensland because Oxenham refuses to play against the Englishmen on Saturday. Oxenham, who is regarded as a "shock" bowler, declares that he must keep fit for the Test. Queensland Cricket Association officials say they will compel him to play on Saturday.

"JEST 'FORE CHRISTMAS."

[By EUGENE FIELD.]

Father calls me William, sister calls me Will.
Mother calls me Willie, but the fellows call me Bill!
Mighty glad I ain't a girl—ruther be a boy.
Without them sashes, curls, an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy!
Love to chaw green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake—
Hate to take the castor-ile they give for belly-ache!
'Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me.
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Got a yeller dog named Sport, sick him on the cat!
First thing she knows she doesn't know where she is at!
Get a clipper sled, an' when us kids goes out to slide,
'Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride!
But sometimes when the grocery man is worried an' cross,
He reaches at us with his whip, an' larrups up his boss.
An' then I larf an' holler, "Oh, ye never teched me!"
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Gran'ma says she hopes that when I git to be a man,
I'll be a missioner like her oldest brother, Dan.
As was et 'up by the cannibals that live in Ceylon's Isle,
Where every prospect pleases, an' only man is vile!
But gran'ma she has never been to see a Wild West show.
Nor read the life of Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know
That Buff'lo Bill an' cowboys is good enough for me!
Except jest 'fore Christmas, when I'm as good as I kin be!

And then old Sport he hangs around, so solemn-like an' still.
His eyes they seem a-saying: "What's the matter, little Bill!"
The old cat sneaks down off her perch an' wonders what's become
Of them two enemies of hern that used to make things hum!
But I am so perlit an' tend so earnestly to biz,
That mother says to father: "How improved our Willie is!"
But father, havin' been a boy himself, suspicious me
When, jest 'fore Christmas, I'm as good as I kin be!

For Christmas, with its lots an' lots of candies, cakes an' toys,
Was made, they say, for proper kids an' not for naughty boys;
So wash yer face an' bresh yer hair, an' mind yer p's and q's,
And don't bust out yer pantaloons, and don't wear out yer shoes;
Say "Yessum" to the ladies, and "Yessur" to the men,
An' when they's company, don't pass yer plate for pie again;
But, thinkin' of things yer'd like to see upon that tree,
Jest 'fore Christmas be as good as yer kin be!

"REJUVENATED" HORSE DIES.

WONDERFUL RECORD OF RABELAIS.

PARIS, Nov. 25th.

Rabelais, the great racehorse, who was "rejuvenated" by Dr. Serge Voronoff last week at the age of twenty-eight, died suddenly at Maisons Laiffie of congestion of the lungs.

It is stated that Rabelais caught cold after the operation, and all the efforts of his owner, Comte de Nicolay, and the trainers and veterinary surgeons to nurse him through the crisis proved in vain.

The operation consisted of grafting a young stallion's gland on the old racehorse, who for more than twenty years had been one of the most famous stud horses in the world.

Rabelais, who was born at the stable of Mr. H. James in England in 1900, was one of the best race-horses of his day. He won the Triennial Stakes, the Prince of Wales Stakes, and the Goodwood Cup, his winnings amounting to £10,000. He was bought at the age of five by the Count de Nicolay, and brought to France, where he made a wonderful record as a stud horse.

His sons included Verdun, born in 1906 (who won the Grand Prix and the Prix du President de la Republique); Dubar (who won the Derby); Ramus, Biribi, Mousko, Mont Saint Eloi, Jacobi, Master Good, Fidelio, Rire aux Larmes, Grand Guignol, and Rialto.

MRS. PHILIPSON, M.P., TO RETIRE.

"MABEL RUSSELL" AND HER DOMESTIC TIES.

BERWICK.
Mrs. Hilton Philipson, M.P. (formerly Miss Mabel Russell, the actress), announced at a meeting of her executive that she would not stand as a candidate at the general election.

Mrs. Philipson said that in 1924 she had been asked to carry on and had agreed, always keeping in mind the eventuality of her husband being able to stand again. Instead of drawing nearer this hope had gradually receded.

Apart from the costly legal proceedings when her husband vacated the seat, there had been the financial effect of the coal dispute, and her husband had decided to devote himself to business and leave politics alone. Thus the real reason for her holding the seat had ceased to exist.

Young Family.

The next session would be a difficult one, she had a young family, and youthful minds and natures were most susceptible to home influences. Lost or neglected opportunity in regard to the training of the young was never recovered, and she was most anxious not to expose herself to any reproaches which children who suffered thus might feel, however tolerant they might be to their mother in after life.

She had asked herself whether it was possible or desirable to try to continue. She thought it was not. She would not quit politics entirely, and if she could, under some circumstances, she would return to the House.

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F.M.S. FOREST SURVEYS BY AEROPLANE.

PROPER INVESTIGATION IMPOSSIBLE.

The Forests Department, S.S.

and F.M.S., is rather disposed, says the *Strait Times*, to favour air-surveys, which are being much advertised and pushed just at present by not altogether disinterested parties in the sacred name of "exploring the Empire's resources."

That there is another side to the question is clear from the following letter which appears in *The Times* over the signature of Mr. J. F. Stewart, of the Department of Forestry at Edinburgh University:—

"The article by your Aeronautical Correspondent in your issue of October 9th on forest surveys by aeroplane, commenting on a forestry memoir by Mr. R. Bourne, has more than a passing interest. If it suggests to those interested in Empire timber exploitation that commercial operations might safely be based on an air survey, I think it is misleading. It may be mere old-fashioned prejudice on my part, but all my lengthy experience goes to show that, for commercial purposes, no forest can be properly investigated ('cruised' we call it) otherwise than by going through it on the ground level, and at a walking pace at that. I cannot imagine anything like a useful knowledge being acquired of the commercial possibilities of a forest from an aeroplane, or even from a motor-car going 17 miles an hour, although no doubt, it is a very comfortable way of getting about."

"A few years ago I was retained to examine a good many hundreds of square miles of 'magnificent timber' in a part of the African Continent. The trees covered a flat-bottomed valley about eight miles wide, well watered by several rivers. Along one side of the valley ran a low range of hills, from which one could get a first-class view of the country and the trees generally. Former surveyors had probably made their examination from those hills. So did I, and from them the entire valley, even through powerful glasses, appeared to be easy rolling country, entirely covered with fine trees. After my cursory examination I began to cruise, and, as a matter of fact, spent several consecutive seasons walking or riding through every bit of it. There was not an average of one timber tree in 50 acres, and not one of these was worth the trouble of cutting down. I do not think an aeroplane or motor-car would have been more accurate than my predecessors on the hillside."

"I can only repeat what I said in a letter you printed recently, that the first aspect to be considered in a proposed scheme of timber exploitation should be the forest engineering one, and the forest engineer does his work on the ground."

The Conservatives in the south she would do so.

At the close of her speech some of the women members of the executive wept.

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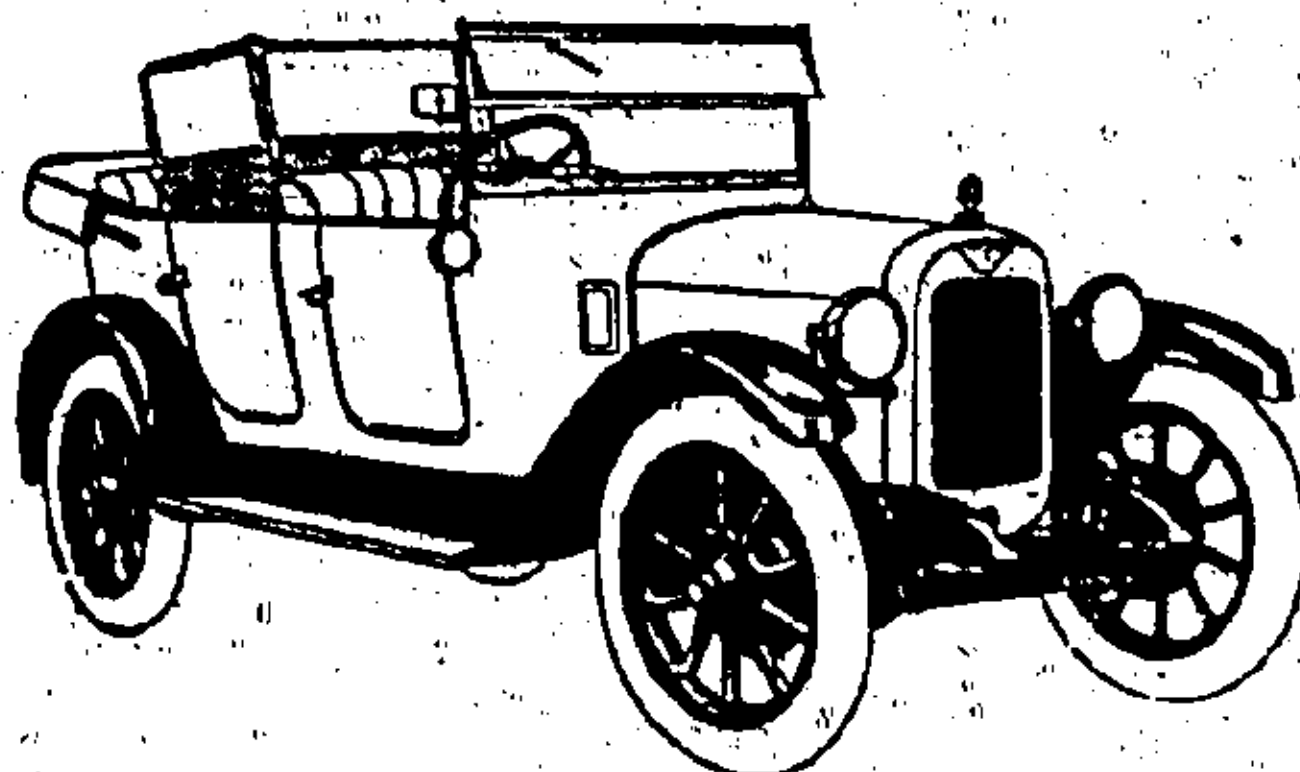
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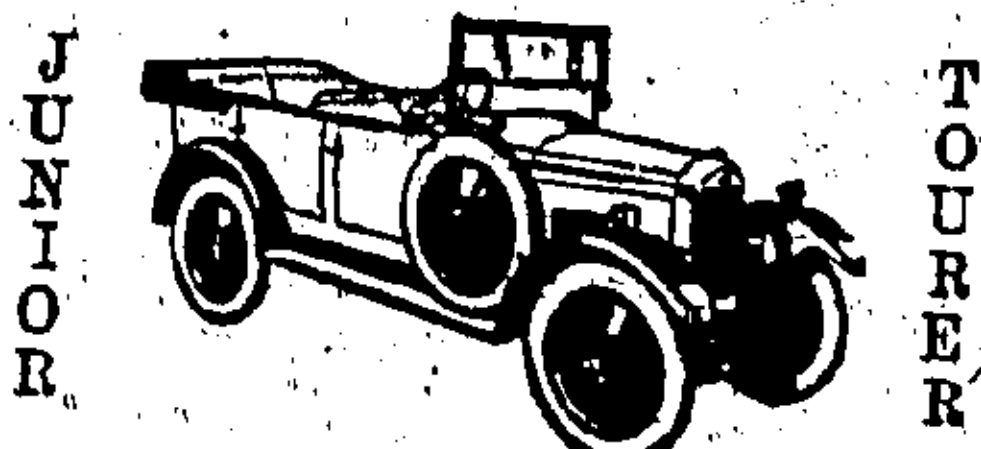
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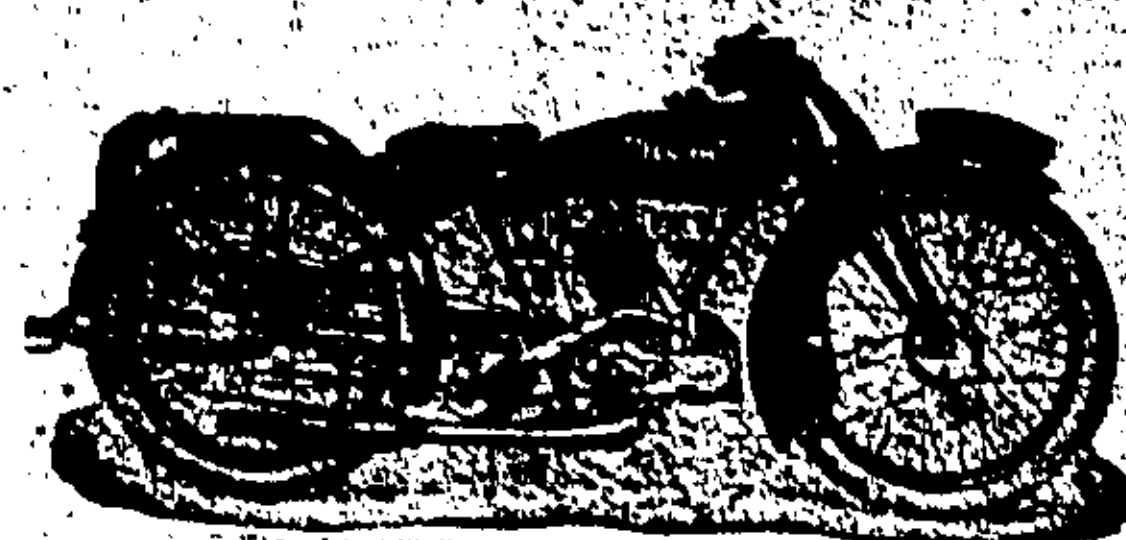
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LOCAL MOTOR MATTERS.

TO THE PEAK FOR A DOLLAR!

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Island at the beginning of the New Year.

The cars will be the Chrysler Plymouth models, and depots or stations will be maintained at many points of the town, suburbs and popular resorts of Hong Kong. Messrs. A. Lung & Company are the organisers of the intending project.

Already direct telephone lines have been applied for which will put all the town and out-point

stations in direct communication with the head office. The cars will be numbered and the head office will know exactly where any of their cars are stationed or where it has been transferred to. The head office will have a large map upon which the fleet of cars numbered on little pins, while he moved about so as to know the movements of each car.

A car taking passengers to Repulse Bay will not need to return.

The head office will advertise their phone number and cars may be hired in the same manner as a taxi—the car coming to the door. In such a way should any person require a car, say at Conduit Road, the head office will relay the instructions to the station nearest the fare, who will in turn send the car to the doorstep.

In town the service will operate from Causeway Bay to Kennedy Town for 50 cents. The 50-cent limit for the upper level will be Conduit Road. A very reasonable price of \$1 is to be charged for the trip to anywhere in the Peak district. The cars are all five-seaters, and the trip to the Peak for \$1 is something of a bonanza.

The drivers will wear neat and distinctive uniforms and to avoid any slackness on the part of the drivers, the organisers will have several "inspectors" on motor-cycles patrolling the Island.

THE NEW DODGE CARS.

On view at the South China Motor Car Company in Des Voeux Road are models of the new Dodge car and Graham Brothers trucks. The "New Senior" and "Standard Six" models of the Dodge Brothers Factory are the latest thing in cars, and worthy successors of the old Dodge cars which have done many thousands of trouble-free miles to the satisfaction of the owners.

The "New Senior" model is a handsome machine, and to use the words of the designers "they have sought to create rather than borrow." The new models are a distinct design of their own, and well worthy of consideration by prospective buyers.

Incidentally, the Graham Brothers Truck is proving very popular with many of the Chinese contractors who find the power of this machine a great asset to their work. A well known local contractor has admitted hauling utterly illegal

weights up to the Peak and over any of the Colony's trying hills without the slightest trouble. The Graham Brothers trucks are built in sizes that the manufacturers claim will meet 95 per cent. of all hauling needs.

Messrs. Alex Ross & Company are also agents for the popular Arburn Motors, one of which has been on view at their show-room in Kowloon during the past few days. The car has attracted no little attention from owners who have noticed that although an American make, its design closely resembles Continental cars. These cars have unusually strong head-lights in nickel, with a huge bumper capable of protecting the car under "trying circumstances."

KOWLOON 'BUS DRIVER AND A FORTUNE TELLER.

Recently a Kowloon bus driver resigned from the Company and returned to his native village with no other excuse than that he was

"destined to die." The man had worked with the Company for a number of years and had managed to save about \$200. The sad news had been told to him by a fortune teller whom he believed without the slightest shadow of doubt. The fortune teller's parting instructions were to be good to the poor. The man returned to his village as a sad man and on the way played philanthropist and gave his \$200 away to the poor. He lived the last few days promised by the fortune teller preparing as best he could for his end.

But the fatal day came and went without incident.

His funds being low, he found that he was no longer welcome at home and he returned to Hong Kong where he approached his fortune teller for an explanation. Not in the least abashed, the fortune teller rebuked the driver saying that he should be glad that the "Spirits" had allowed him to live. The driver was given back his job and although very much alive, is \$200 poorer in pocket!

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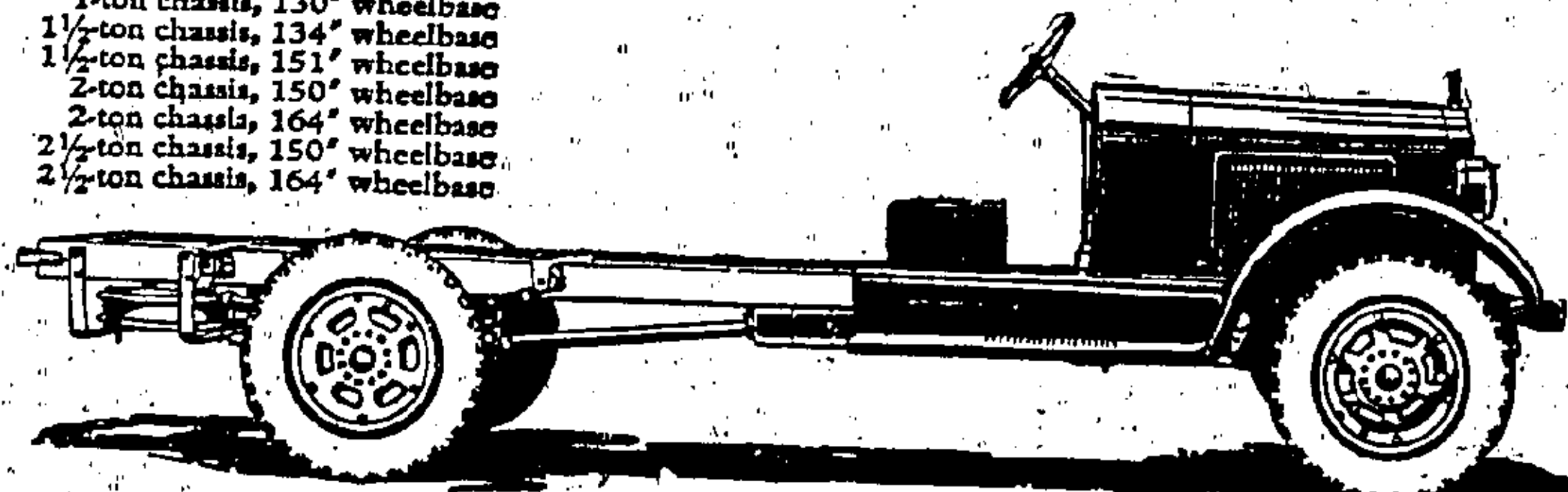
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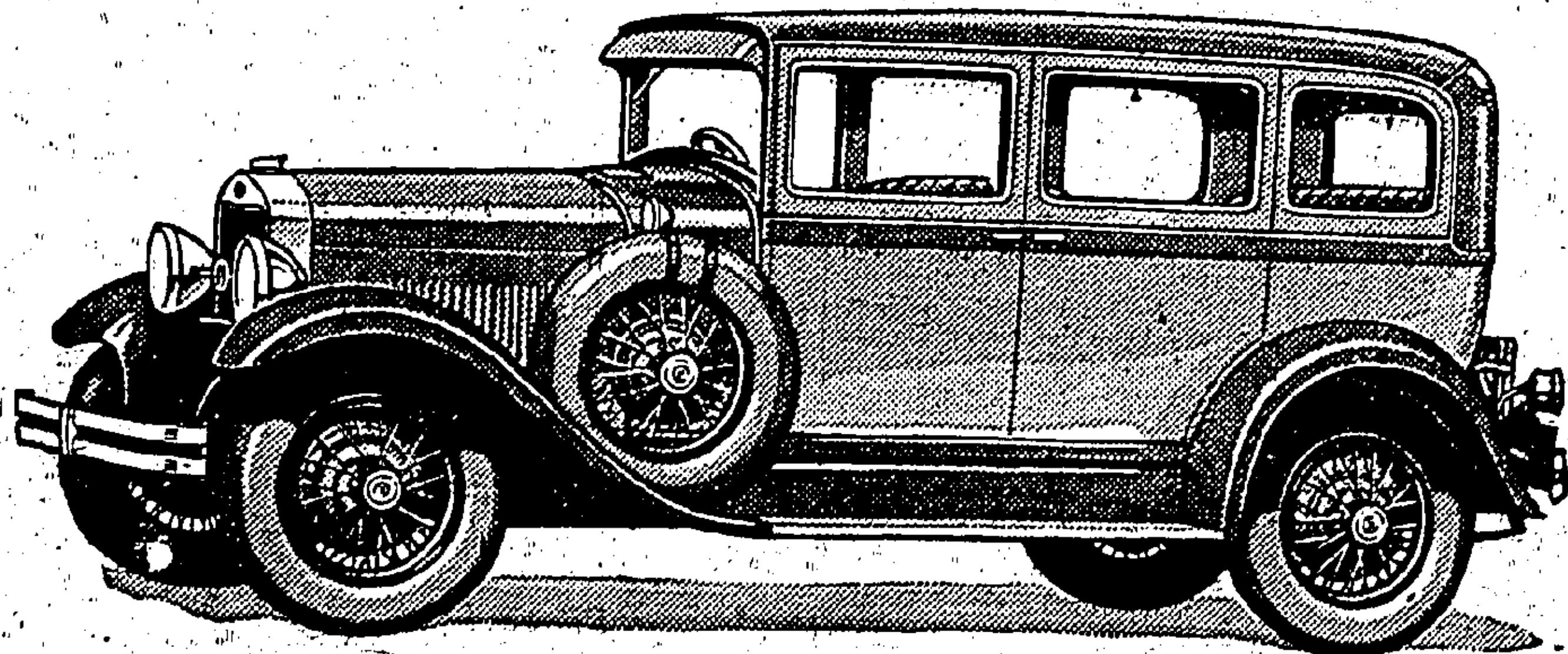
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MOTORING NOTES (CONTD.)

THE OLYMPIA CYCLE AND MOTOR CYCLE EXHIBITION.

SOME OF THE EXHIBITS REVIEWED.

[BY A LONDON CORRESPONDENT.]

A MOST PROGRESSIVE INDUSTRY.

The International Cycle & Motor Cycle Exhibition held at Olympia, London early in November was far more interesting than any motor-cycle show previously staged. Remarkable progress has been made by the industry during the past twelve months and, while the majority of the well known firms have specialised in adding to their range or in improving new machines of both novel and striking design. The introduction of motor-cycles built on entirely unconventional lines added considerably to the general interest of the Show, but whether these new comers are likely to oust the tried and popular favourites from their present position is a question which only the future can decide.

The latest export figures continue to show that the world-wide supremacy enjoyed by British cycles and motor-cycles is more strikingly evident than ever. France, Germany, Belgium and the U.S.A. were all represented at Olympia, but together only made up seven out of the total of fifty-five motor-cycle exhibitors. The remaining forty-eight were British firms.

Accessories And Equipment.

Before commenting on a few of the more interesting of the 1929 models mention must be made of some of the accessories exhibited. The fitting of a speedometer as a standard item on many of the leading makes of motor-cycles was a feature of this year's Show. A practical drive, in the Smith speedometer is taken from the gearbox instead of from the front wheel as in the past. The speedometer head is now fitted flush into the petrol tank and a flexible cable, which is almost completely concealed, carries the drive. The cable is properly supported and removes the possibility of mechanical breakage, while the new fitting greatly enhances the appearance of the tank.

An Advance In Chain Design.

The complete range of chains exhibited by Hansa Renold, Ltd., included an entirely new example known as the Renold "Mark 10" motor-cycle chain. The special feature of this new chain is the keyed bush incorporated in its construction, which represents the result of two-and-a-half years research to find the scientific solution to the problem of tight joints in motor-cycle chains. Investigation proved that the stresses imposed on the ordinary chain under the worst conditions forced the bush to rotate, move outwards against the inner link, and cause a binding of the inner and outer link plates. The new chain, however, eliminates any binding by effectively locking the bushes in the side plates and preventing them from turning on a principle similar to the keying of a wheel to a shaft.

To touch for a moment on electrical equipment it was instructive to learn that for a slight extra charge it is now possible to have a steel plate "Nife" battery supplied with the Lucas "Magdyno" set. These batteries are still to be manufactured by Batteries Ltd. of Redditch, but their sale throughout the British Empire is now handled by Joseph Lucas, Ltd. Among the chief advantages possessed by Nife batteries is the fact that they can be left standing for months without harm whether charged or discharged. They are practically indestructible and require no attention other than the occasional addition of distilled water, they can even be short-circuited without damage.

Extending The Range.

An outstanding feature of the exhibition was the large number of new lightweights on view. The Rudge-Whitworth range, for instance, has been increased by the addition of two 250 c.c. models and a new 350 c.c. machine, all of which are provided with the makers' four speed gear.

BRITISH MARINE ENGINES GIVING SERVICE IN INDIA.

Following the success of Thornycroft "Handybilly" marine engines, some hundreds of these are now distributed throughout the world, whence reports are frequently arriving of their satisfactory service. Most of these are from owners expressing their delight at the way their engines are behaving, but they often omit to add facts and figures, which would make their letters so

much more interesting. One exception recently to hand refers to a couple of these engines fitted into 25 ft. and 28 ft. launches, which have been in service off the Indian coast transporting passengers from ships to the shore at Bedi Port.

For over two years they have transported annually some 40,000 passengers, and travelled many hundreds of miles. Once a fractured magneto-carbon caused a halt, but except for this both engines have run untroubledly with the least charge of unskilled natives.

MOTOR CYCLING.

THE NEW A.J.S.

Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co., the local agents for the popular British motor-cycle A.J.S., have recently received 3 of the 1929 models of these cycles. They are on view at the Company's Show-room in the Kowloon Garage.

The new cycles are a distinct breakaway from the former models and include features which, but a year ago, were not in the standard specification, and for which extra charge was made. They have a new frame design, and front forks which are a great improvement on the older models, both in performance and looks. A handsome saddle tank made of welded steel replaces the small "between the bar" type and the speedometer is neatly fitted to the tank. The oil tank is now separate and is placed under the seat tube. Incidentally a most reliable type of dry-sump lubrication is employed which formerly was only used on racing models. This type of engine lubrication is fool-proof, and greatly economises oil fuel.

Known as the "Dry sump system" the oil does not collect at the bottom of the crankcase, but is forced back into the oil tank via a filter, to be used again.

The new engine has enclosed push rods and overhead valve gear, which not only renders the machine free from dirt, but minimises the valve clatter—a most objectionable noise at times. A new type of kick starter gear is also specified.

THE NEW TWO-PORT B.S.A.

On view at the Sincere Company is the latest model of the B.S.A. motor-cycle. It is the new 350 c.c. O.H.V. model with an inclined cylinder and two handsome exhaust pipes leading into large sized expansion chambers with fin-tails. The new model is exactly the same as the popular 4.93 O.H.V. model which has been on the market for some time. The two-port head greatly improves the appearance of this cycle, and it should prove very popular. It sells for \$875.00 with electric lamps, etc.

A 4.93 c.c. side valve model is also to be seen with the cylinder inclined. This is also a new model and embodies all the features of the former model. The valve gear is entirely enclosed—a big improvement over the last year's model.

WOMAN DRIVER'S ADVENTURE.

LEARNER IN A "NETWORK OF TRAM-CAR LINES."

"I have been in a car with a woman who was learning to drive, and I found myself in a ditch," disclosed Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate after listening to a description of the extraordinary driving of a young woman who naively remarked, "We have all to learn, haven't we?"

Mrs. Minnie Brooks, of Albert street, Regent's Park, was summoned for driving in a manner dangerous to the public in Camden-road.

Mr. Barker, prosecuting, said that although Mrs. Brooks was absolutely incompetent to drive, she attempted to motor where there was a network of tram-car lines.

A policeman pushed the car into the kerb, and told her that, if she waited, he would help her to go across. Suddenly, however, she shot across the road as a tram-car approached. She struck the tram-car and damaged her car.

Mrs. Brooks said that the policeman promised to see her across safely and to hold up the traffic for her. The magistrate: Constables have something else to do than to hold your hand and chaperone you across the road.

Mrs. Brooks was fined 50s., with 2s. costs.

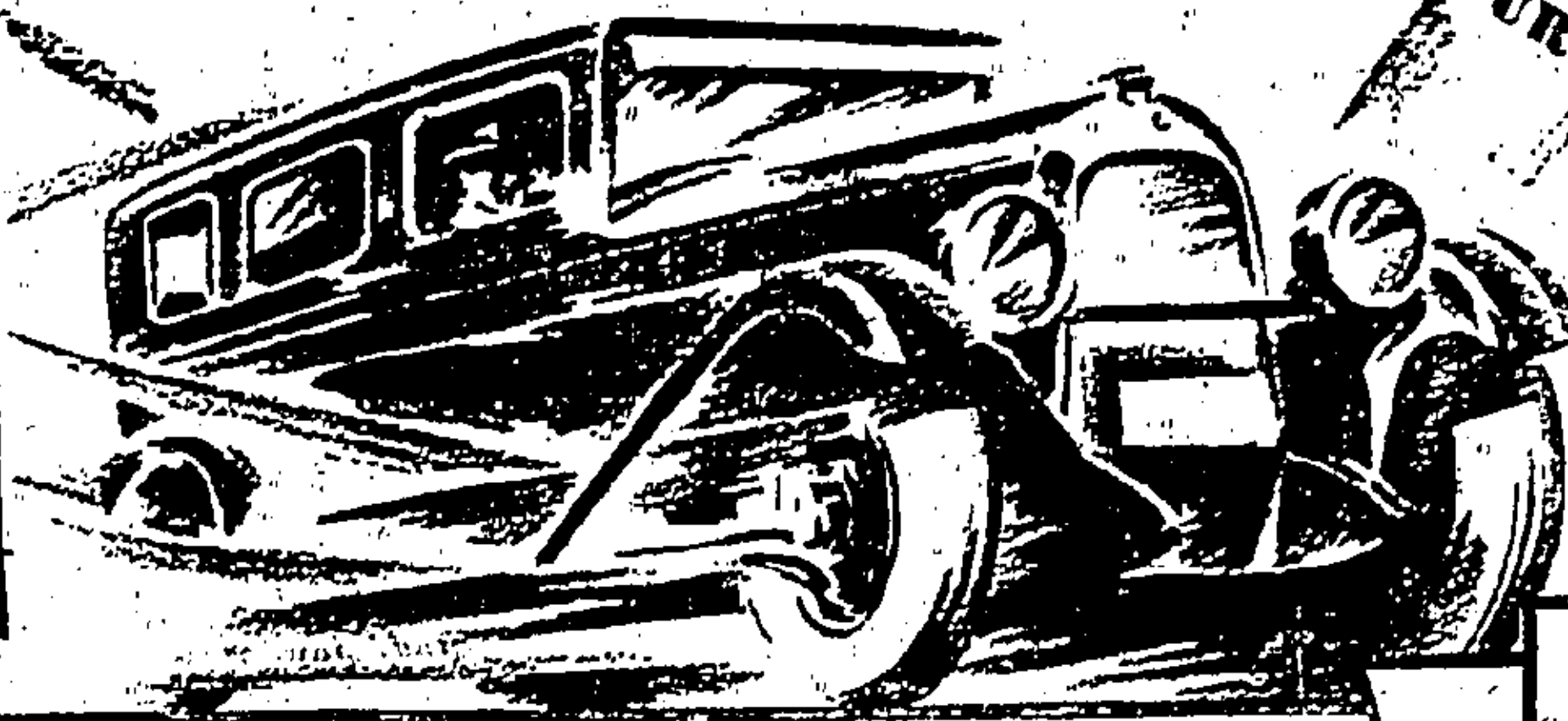
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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ash, at 10 a.m. on the 19th of December, 1928.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.
Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for Cancellation.

MELOERS & CO.,

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1928. [7099]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

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having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and other ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.
All Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th of December, 1928, will be subject to Rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ash, at 10 a.m. on the 22nd of December, 1928.
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MELOERS & CO.,

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1928. [7116]

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 18th.

Previous (On Date) On Date

at 2 p.m. at 5 a.m. at 1 p.m.

Barometer... 30.01 30.00 30.03

Temperature... 64 61 69

Humidity... 63 73 69

Wind... East E E

Direction... East E E

Force... 0 0 0

Weather... 0 0 0

Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 17th: 64

Lowest open-air Temperature, 18th: 58

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning;

M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 19th to 25th, 1928.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week Date of Month

Time of High Water Time of Low Water

Wed. 19 4 45 7 0

Thur. 20 4 54 6 40

Fri. 21 5 04 6 30

Sat. 22 5 14 6 20

Sun. 23 5 24 6 10

Mon. 24 5 34 6 00

Tue. 25 5 44 5 50

YANGTZE CONSERVANCY SCHEME.

TO INVESTIGATE IMPROVING CHANNEL.

QUESTION OF FLOOD PREVENTION.

With reference to the telegram recently circulated by the Kuo Min Agency in regard to contemplated conservancy work in the Yangtze river, we understand that the following is the position, says the North China Daily News.

The Yangtze Commission was formed in 1921 at the request of the National Conservancy Board arising out of a resolution passed at a conference of the British Chamber of Commerce.

It was formed under a president appointed by the President of the Republic as a department of the Ministry of the Interior and a special annual grant was made from the Customs for survey work.

Under the Commission there was formed a technical committee. Prior to the forming of the committee, a preliminary report had been made by Mr. F. Palmer, the well known British consulting engineer, and Mr. Yung Pao Ling and the committee proceeded to form a survey department under Mr. G. G. Strobe and survey work has continued ever since.

Mr. Palmer's Conclusions.

During the first two years, particular attention was given to the condition of the various places in the Yangtze which are an impediment to navigation in winter and Mr. Palmer returned to China in 1923 and made a special report as to the possibilities of improving the navigable channel. His general conclusion was that it was not economically feasible to carry out works of this kind but that in view of the damage done by periodical floods, it would be quite worth while for the survey department to proceed and gather such data as was necessary for reporting on the costs of systematic flood prevention.

In view of this report, the technical committee continued the work including the measurement of discharge, observations as to silt, levels, and topography, having more particularly in mind the necessity of getting knowledge of the behaviour of the river as a whole and the need which arises from time to time of expert advice as to the condition existing at various places. Early this year, arrangements finally were made for the transfer of the committee from Peking to the south, and the Nationalist Government decided that it should continue in a slightly modified way under the Ministry of Communications.

The coast Inspector, Capt. H. E. Hillman, and the Engineer-in-Chief of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, Dr. Herbert Chatley, continued to serve on the committee but the Chinese personnel has been changed with the exception of Mr. Chow Zian Yien.

Ministry's Instructions.

The actual Commission is constituted entirely of officials of the Ministry of Communications and exercises a direct control over the survey department, the technical committee's functions being largely advisory rather than executive. Within the last few weeks, the Ministry of Communications has instructed the Commission to go further into the question of the possibilities of improving the navigable channel of the Yangtze and the technical committee now has the matter under consideration.

While there can be no question of contesting the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Palmer in his report, it is conceivable that some smaller operations may usefully be projected and a consideration of the indirect benefits of even small improvements in the channel may warrant the Government in undertaking some works which would not be sound from the point of view simply of the relatively small economies due to the possibilities of using vessels of slightly greater draught in the winter than are now employed.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. "KENT" LEAVES FOR SANDAKAN TO-DAY.

"HERMES" DUE.

H.M.S. "Kent", the flagship of the China Station, will sail from Hong Kong for Sandakan to-day and will later visit Macassar, Sourabaya, Batavia, Labuan and Kudat before returning here.

The destroyers "Somme" and "Scourge", which left Hong Kong last week, have proceeded up the Yangtze from Shanghai.

H.M.S. "Hermes" has left Manila for Hong Kong and is due here this afternoon. H.M.S. "Bluebell" is also due to reach here from Takau to-morrow.

It is expected that the transport "Nevalia" will reach Hong Kong on Friday afternoon.

PIRACY ON SHANTUNG COAST.

GALLANT FIGHT BY JUNE'S CREW.

VESSELS SAIL IN CONVOYS.

SHANGHAI, December 15th.

Another junk master has come into Shanghai with a tale of piracy, amply corroborated by his crew and by his looted and ravished vessel. The craft is the Shantung junk Chun Kung Shan; which was attacked by pirates on the evening of December 7th, when off Tseng-kassu, close to Haichow Bay. As in the case of the junk piracy recently reported, the crew put up a gallant fight, but, being inferior in numbers and arms, they were overwhelmed after suffering several casualties.

The pirates took away 540 salted pigs, nine tins of oil, 100 fowls, some money and a quantity of clothing and bedding. Not content with this, they destroyed much of the gear and did considerable damage to the junk's sails, presumably to prevent her following them, which was hardly likely after the manner in which the crew had been worsted in the fight.

Trade With Shanghai Suffering.

Speaking of conditions generally on the Shantung coast, the master of the Chen Kung Shan declared that trade between there and Shanghai, which is carried on by smaller sized junks, gradually is being killed. The larger junks sail in convoys of three or four, for mutual protection, and as a rule escape molestation, but the smaller craft sail alone and, being unarmed, form an easy prey and are being driven off the sea.

The pirates are a wild and reckless lot, utterly heedless of human life, and they do not hesitate to kill any who make a show of resistance. Most of them are destitute, starving, and dressed in rags, and they think more of securing clothing and bedding than anything else, though it is little of any value that they leave on junks they capture.—North China Daily News.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Shanghai on Monday at 4.30 p.m. and left yesterday at noon. She is due at Hong Kong to-morrow afternoon and leaves for Manila the same evening.

The P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia*, from Hong Kong, arrived at London on December 15th at 1 a.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Kalyan* left Singapore for this port yesterday (Tuesday) at 7 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 23rd inst. at about 6 a.m.

The B.I. and Apeal Line s.s. *Gazania* left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 11th inst. and is due here to-day (Wednesday) at about 11 a.m.

The s.s. *Sachsen* (H.A.L.) left Shanghai yesterday (Tuesday) at 8 a.m., and is due here on Friday morning, the 21st inst.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

Sachsen, Dec. 21st.
Saarland, Dec. 25th.
Emil Kirdorf, Jan. 10th.
Havelland, Jan. 20th.
Leventstein, Feb. 1st.
Leventstein, February 14th.
Ermland, March 3rd.

Messageries Maritimes.

Chenonceaux, January 1st.
D'Artagnan, January 1st.
Athos II., Jan. 15th.
Sphinx, January 15th.
General Metinger, Jan. 25th.
Paul Leclat, February 12th.
Andre Lebon, Feb. 20th.
Portheos, March 12th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Aki Maru to-morrow.
Tokoro Maru to-morrow.
Takodate Maru to-morrow.
Nagano Maru to-morrow.
Daiichi Maru, Dec. 21st.
Delaposa Maru, Dec. 22nd.
Hakone Maru, Dec. 23rd.
Mito Maru, Dec. 25th.
Nagato Maru, Dec. 25th.
Katori Maru, Dec. 28th.
Malacca Maru, Dec. 28th.
Rangoon Maru, Dec. 28th.
Tamba Maru, Dec. 29th.
Tenyo Maru, Dec. 30th.
Toyooka Maru, Dec. 30th.
Swa Maru, January 6th.
Penang Maru, January 10th.

(Continued on next Column.)

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

BY "KALYAN" AND "HAKONE MARU."

The following passengers are expected on Friday by the P. & O. *Kalyan*:—Mr. F. Austin, Captain and Mrs. R. A. Angier, Mrs. Anniss, Miss Anniss, Miss E. Bottomley, Mr. P. E. Barker, Mr. C. W. Browne, Mr. E. Collings, Mr. J. Dickinson, Lieut.-Comdr. A. S. Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Evans, Mr. W. A. Fry, Miss C. M. Gill, Mr. R. Haynes, Mr. T. W. Hodge, Lieut.-Comdr. E. E. Hill, Miss E. Lucas, Mr. A. McVean, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBride, Pay-Comdr. and Mrs. S. S. C. Parsons, Mr. E. B. Reid, Mr. H. Stonell, Miss J. M. Scott, Miss F. M. Skipsey, Miss C. T. Smith.

The following passengers are expected by the *Hakone Maru* on Sunday:—Mr. C. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. Fuentes, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Goodwin, Mrs. D. H. Illingworth, Miss L. F. Illingworth, Mr. G. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Lobel, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. March, Mrs. A. A. Mills, Miss E. Y. Mills, Mr. R. A. Pritchard, Mr. G. Panchoon, Mrs. J. M. Stevens, Miss S. H. Tansey, Dr. A. W. Woo.

CONTROL OF WAR MATERIAL.

GENEVA, Dec. 5th.

The League of Nations to-day began a final effort for launching an international convention for control and publicity of both private and governmental production of war material.

Should to-day's effort fail it is probable the League will either abandon the effort entirely or at most merely incorporate into its general disarmament convention the few points on which agreement has been reached.

The task of bringing private production of war material under control was imposed on the League by the covenant itself, which regarded the unlimited production by such concerns as Krupp's and the Schneider's as one of the frequent causes of war.

From the start the United States, which has participated in the League's commission for the drafting of the convention, has taken the position that governmental as well as private production should also be brought under the control of the fullest publicity.

While for a time this attitude of the United States threatened to disrupt the commission, owing to opposition of various European and Asiatic nations to control of governmental production, virtual agreement was finally won on this point.

Since then, however, wider divergencies have developed on other aspects, until it is now doubtful whether such a convention can ever be launched.

The commission which met to-day for a final effort to draft a convention is under the presidency of Count Bernstorff of Germany, former war-time ambassador to the United States. He and Dr. Guerrero of San Salvador have been the two most ardent champions of the project over years of fruitless efforts to secure an agreement.

One of the most outstanding divergencies at the present is whether publicity shall cover merely the value, or also the weight, number of pieces and other important details. Certain Powers also object to the same degree of publicity for governmental production as for private manufacture.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Main, Dec. 22nd.
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Trier, Jan. 13th.
Lahn, January 30th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Kalyan, December 23rd.
Naldara, December 22nd.
Alipore, January 1st.
Morea, January 4th.
Mantua, January 5th.
Kidderpore, January 7th.
Kashgar, January 15th.
Padua, January 18th.
Macedonia, February 1st.
Kluva, February 15th.
Malua, March 1st.
Klyber, March 7th.
Karmala, March 21st.

Prinze Line.

Royal Prince, December 31st.

Javanese Prince, January 26th.

Royal Packet Nav. Co. (K.P.M.).

Van Heuts, to-day.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.

Delhi, Dec. 21st.

Oeylen, Dec. 24th.

Wm. Wilhelmsen, Oslo.

Norwegian Africa and Australia Line.

Bessa, December 22nd.

Thalatta, January 10th.

Peninsular, January 30th.

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Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 8th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MAACKINNON, MAACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1928. [7117]

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Underwriter before Thursday, the 27th December, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 24th December, 1928.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1928. [7120]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

THE Motor Vessel "SIAM"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 6th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs

